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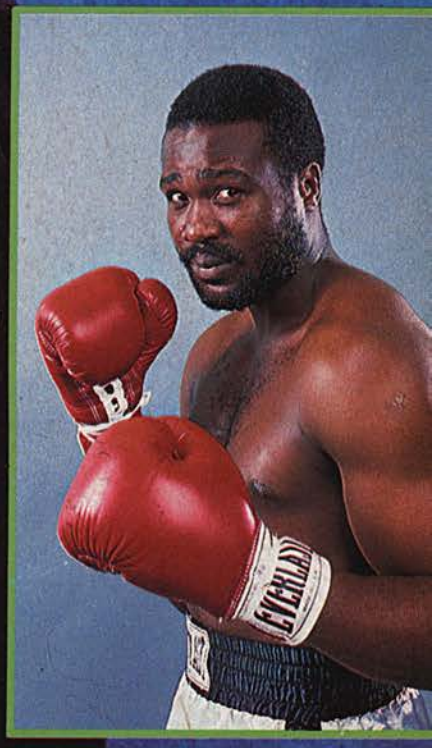

John 'The Beast' Mugabi

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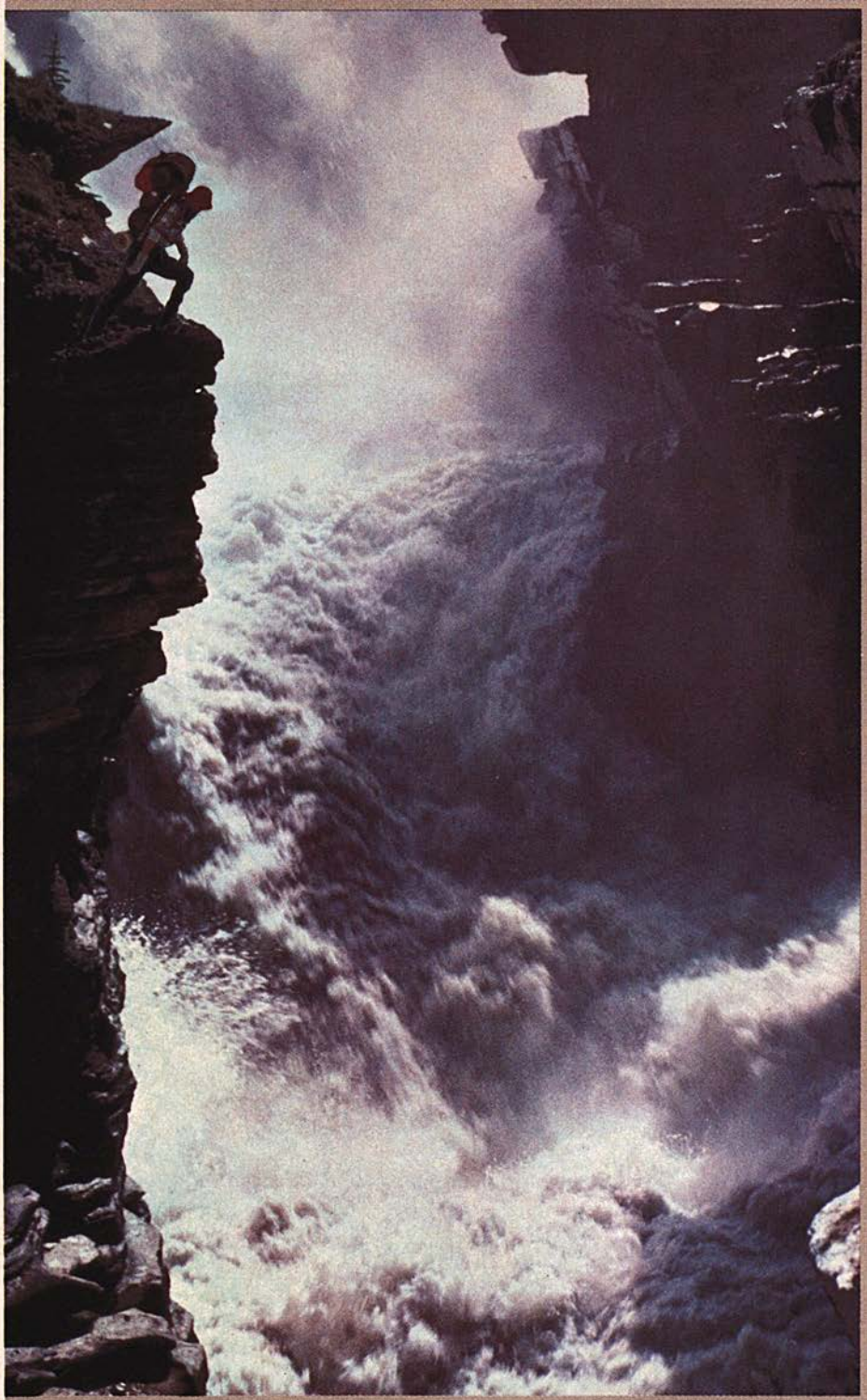

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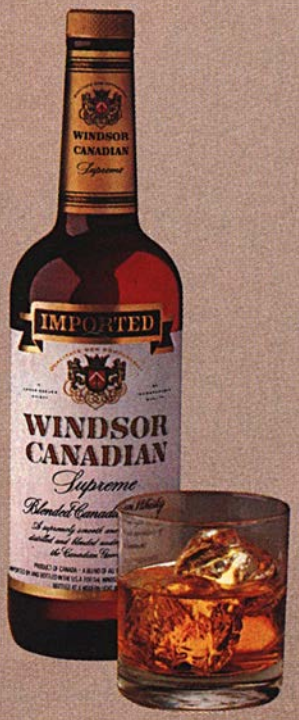

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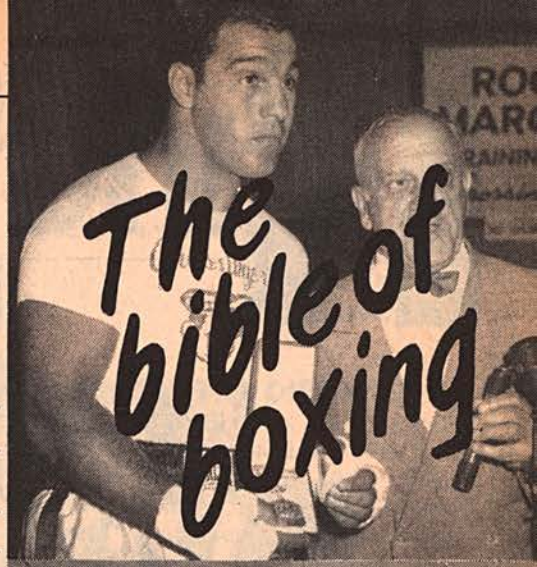

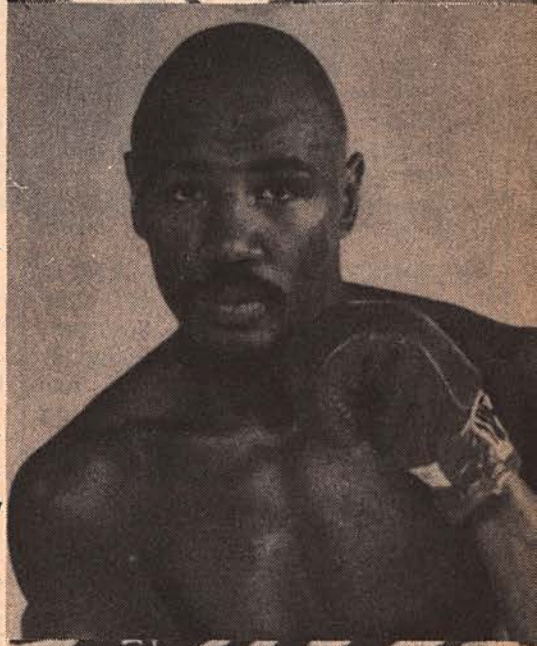

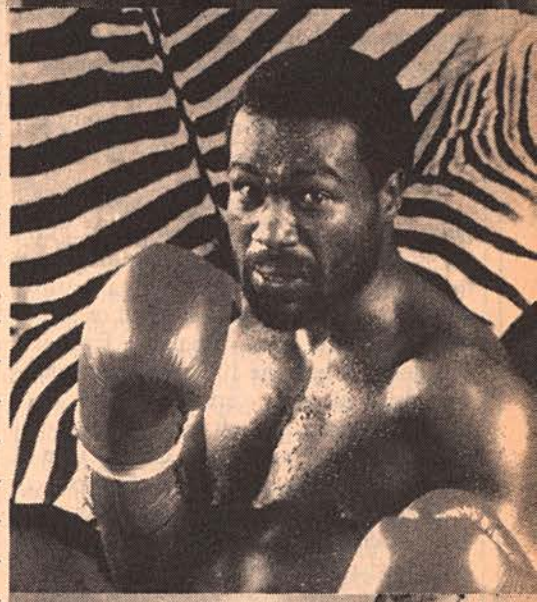

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RECENTLY *THE RING* FEATURED its first major "drug" article in the history of the publication (Unhooked, September '85). It was an upbeat piece, telling the story of Tyrell Biggs' recovery from cocaine addiction. Unfortunately, most stories of this kind don't have such a happy ending. From all reports, Aaron Pryor appears to be sinking deeper and deeper into a guagmire of cocaine.

While in the past we have dutifully recorded the various drug busts of prominent fighters, until the Biggs article we had not dwelt on the subject at great length. But now that New Jersey has initiated a policy of regular urinalysis—and suspendations of fighters who fail—the time has come to comment on a topic that has become a major concern throughout the sporting world.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, over 20 Million Americans use marijuana, while over four million get their kicks from cocaine. There are also an additional two million hooked on amphetamines and other stimulants. Even if you don't include the 100 million citizens who drink alcohol—certainly one of the most dangerous and oft abused drugs—these figures are impressive. Is it any wonder that some of these people are boxers?

Drug use, and drug abuse, have always been around. Like it or not, they're something we have to learn to live—and deal—with. That's one reason *The Ring* supports New Jersey's revolutionary (for boxing) policy of screening all boxers for controlled substances.

Some have criticized New Jersey because of the lengthy delay between the testing and releasing of the results. While this is a valid criticism, let's give New Jersey the benefit of the doubt. Bureaucracies are notoriously slow getting the gears of a new policy in motion. Once things are rolling, the process would be much smoother.

New Jersey also seems to have the right attitude when they say they want to safeguard the fighters, not punish them. The realistically short suspension period for first-time offenders (90 days) seems to bear this out. Nobody wants to force these young men out of boxing. Many are products of underprivileged backgrounds, and forcing them to return to the streets because they are caught smoking a joint would be counterproductive. But commissions have to let fighters know they mean business and that repeated violations won't be tolerated.

The Ring does not support New Jersey's new drug-testing policy because of any moral or legal reasons. For us, the bottom line is simple: The fans pay, either directly, by purchasing tickets, or indirectly, by buying the sponsors' products, to watch fighters perform to the best of their abilities. The boxers can't do that high. Therefore, we applaud New Jersey for taking a step in the right direction, and urge other boxing commissions to follow suit.

Nigel Collins

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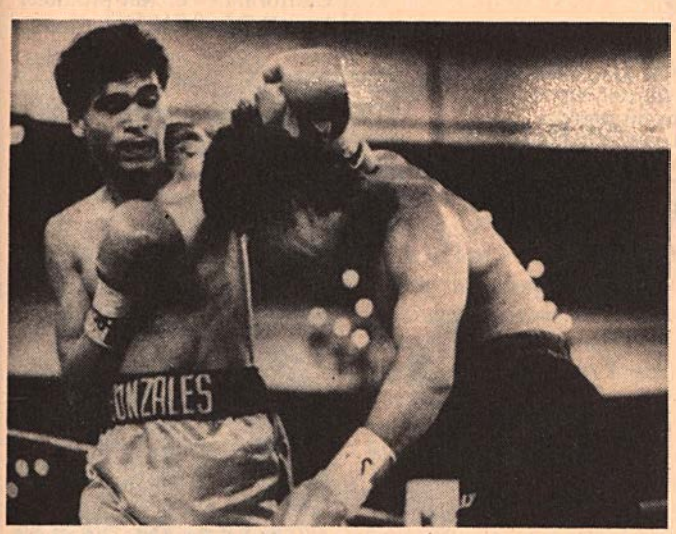

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Reader Susan Wright has a new ring hero in Paul Gonzales, pictured on the left, outpointing Jose (Pulga) Torres in his pro debut. Gonzales injured his hand in the 1984 Olympics, delaying his entry into the professional ranks.

LANDING A TITLE SHOT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY

I READ RECENTLY OF GERRY Cooney's decision to retire because he claims Larry Holmes is reluctant to give him a rematch. I consider the operative word to be "give," and suggest that Mr. Cooney might be better occupied in endeavoring to "earn" the opportunity. Who, of any standing, has he fought since being outclassed by the champion?

Mr. Cooney must realize that while being big and white may be helpful in landing a title shot, to win the crown, one needs to be big and *talented*.

HAMISH CRISP
Leith, Scotland

YOUNG AT HEART

WELL, YOUNG STRIBLING HAS FInally been elected to *The Ring* boxing Hall of Fame. At the age of 69, I just may be the only person happy to see this happen to my boyhood hero. Young Stribling would have made most of the present day fighters look like amateurs. Recently, there have been many successful movies made about prize fighters. Perhaps one should be made of the life of Stribling. However, there is one thing wrong with that thought—no one would believe the true facts!

JIM CORBIN
Nashville, Tenn.

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

AFTER BEING LEFT UNIMPRESSED by the professional debut of such Olympians as Meldrick Taylor, Pernell Whitaker, and the highly overrated Mark Breland, I was very relieved to see the pro debut of gold medalist Paul Gonzales.

Watching Gonzales outbox the tough, experienced Jose (Pulga) Torres was indeed a pleasure. It was hard to believe that I was watching a young man having his first pro bout. Gonzales was slick, with excellent hand and foot speed. He used tricks rarely used by fighters with years of pro experience. He also appears to have a decent amount of power in both hands. If Gonzales is this incredible in his first pro fight, just imagine how good he'll be in a couple of years. I predict that Paul (Superfly) Gonzales, while bringing about a new awareness of the flyweight division, will win the world title and eventually become one of the all-time greats. As for myself, I have a new ring hero.

SUSAN WRIGHT
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DISGUSTED DIEHARD

I HAD ALWAYS BEEN A BIG FAN OF Mike Weaver until I saw him fight Pinklon Thomas for the WBC heavyweight crown. In the third and fourth rounds, Weaver repeatedly rocked the champ with left-right combinations, and had him staggered at the end of those rounds. Then, for some unknown reason, he refused to throw a right hand for the next three rounds, and was eventually kayoed in the eighth, thus blowing his last chance at a world title. I'm still a diehard boxing fan, but I really get disgusted watching boxers with great talent but no desire.

BRAD FABIAN
Steubenville, OH

WHO'S FOULING WHO?

HAVING WATCHED THE RECENT McGuigan-Pedroza match, I feel I must take issue with Ron Olver's account of it. Olver implied that the new champion had to defeat not only Pedroza, but also the supervisinig officials, including referee Stanley Christodoulou.

There is no question that Pedroza has a well earned reputation for bending the rules, and he remained true to form in this fight. It is equally true that McGuigan earned his victory with a superbly controlled performance, reminiscent of Richie Sandoval's defeat of Jeff Chandler. But the plain fact is that McGuigan should have been disqualified for repeatedly hitting Pedroza after the bell sounded ending the ninth round. That Pedroza was able to fight on after receiving the fearful—and unnecessary—beating he took is a tribute to his conditioning and spirit. He was certainly never in the fight after that.

Boxing needs more new faces such as McGuigan—he is exciting and charismatic. It is unfortunate his victory is tainted. It is even more unfortunate that Ron Olver could not see past his personal prejudices to fulfill his obligations as a reporter.

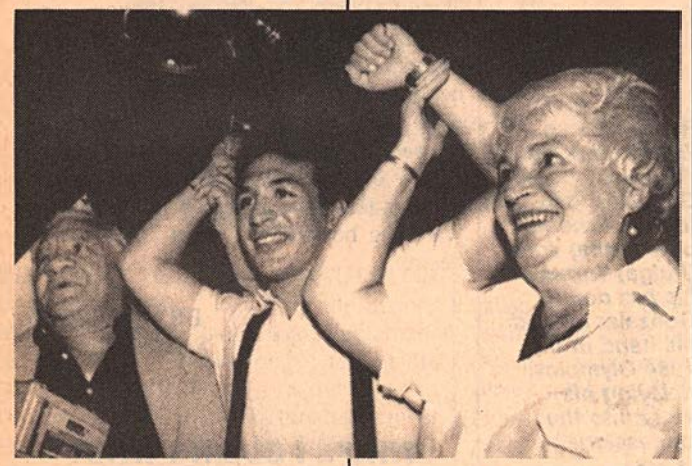
MICHAEL LISS
Bronx, NY

Round One

by Nigel Collins

BYE-BYE BOOM BOOM

Although it came as somewhat of an anticlimax, practically everybody in boxing was happy when Ray Mancini announced his retirement from boxing at a Manhattan press luncheon. Ray was one of the most popular fighters of the first half of the decade, winning the hearts of fans the world 'round with his take-no-prisoners brand of slugging and all-American personality.



Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini, flanked by his parents Lenny and Ellen, says goodbye to boxing at New York press conference. The big question is will Ray stay retired.

The reasons for Ray's retirement at the relatively tender age of 24 are numerous.

His exciting, face-first style of fighting usually left Ray looking like a loser even though he won 29 of 32 professional bouts. After his last fight, a 15-round decision loss to Livingstone Bramble, February 16, 1985, it required 27 stitches to sew up his face. According to a report published in the New York *Daily News,* Mancini was "thoroughly examined by one of the most eminent eye doctors in the country," and reportedly advised not to fight again.

Ray also readily admits that he is no longer enthusiastic about the rigors of training. "I'm just not willing to pay the dues anymore," he said candidly.

"I got everything out of it (boxing) that I wanted," added Mancini. "When I started five or six years ago, I always said when I win the title for my father and gain my security, I'll want to walk away and enjoy my life."

The death of South Korean Duek-Koo Kim, who died as a result of brain injuries after suffering a 13th round knockout at the hands of Mancini during a 1982 WBA title bout, also weighed heavily on Ray.

"I lost a lot of heart because of that," explained Ray. "My heart has been a big part of my career, and I let my heart make my decision."

Although Mancini earned over $6 million in purses, he isn't about to spend the rest of his life counting his money. He has moved to Los Angeles and hopes to begin a second career as an actor. A "Rambo-type" TV action series is one possibility being discussed.

Perhaps the only ones disappointed with Ray's decision to quit are the fighters who hoped to cash in on Mancini's box office appeal. Even though he no longer held a world title, Mancini remained the biggest draw in the lightweight division (sorry, Hector). When asked if he would consider coming back for one more giant purse against the 'Macho Man,' Ray hedged a bit.

"One thing I learned is never to say never, but I can't see it happening. There's no doubt in my mind I can beat the guy (Camacho). I think he's a little weak on the inside. But I promised my mother and father I'm quitting."

Throughout his career Ray has been a "giver," willingly sacrificing his body and soul for the sake of victory. Winning the title for his father was a unique and wonderful gift. Staying retired would be an even greater one.

GRASS ROOTS REVIVAL

Club fights are apparently alive and thriving in Southern California. Veteran promoter Don Frazier, who is currently running cards at the 1,500-seat Irvine Marriott Hotel, reports his seventh straight sell-out of the year. Meanwhile in Reseda, Ten Goose Boxing is drawing capacity crowds to the local Country Club to watch North Hollywood's exciting middleweight prospect Michael Nunn. An interesting sidelight to the Ten Goose story is the involvement of Victor French, the bearded actor who co-stars in NBC's popular *Highway To Heaven*

The Greatest pays tribute to the King of Rock-n-Roll. Muhammad Ali visits the grave of Elvis Presley at Graceland, Presley's Memphis home, on the 8th anniversary of Presley's death.

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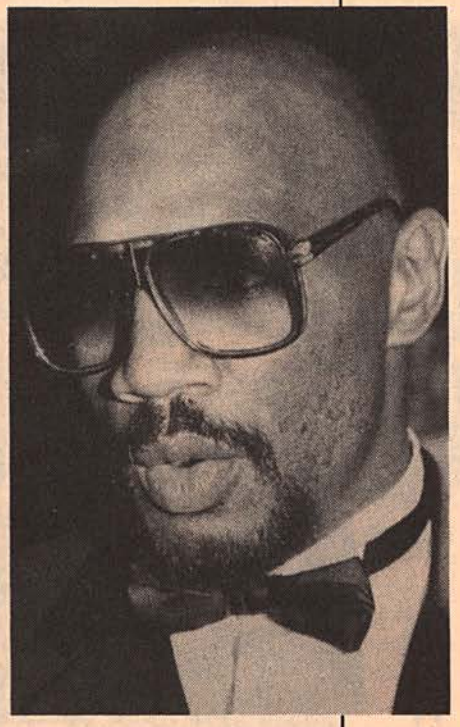
Round One

series. French, a long-time boxing buff, now holds a managers license and is very much involved with the Ten Goose program.

'We give them (the boxers) money to live on between bouts, train them and make them feel like they're part of the family,' said French in an interview published in *USA TODAY*.

BROCKTON BONANZA

Staff writer Jim Fenton of the Brockton *Enterprise* came up with an interesting angle not too long ago. His column carried a chart comparing the ring earnings of Brockton's two most famous pugilists—Rocky Marciano and Marvelous Marvin Hagler. The total amount for all of Marciano's purses was $2.5 million. Very good for his day, but nothing compared with the loot Hagler has raked in since he turned pro in 1973—a whopping $22.25 million. This doesn't include Hagler's purse for the upcoming Mugabi fight. That will be Marvin's eighth straight million dollar payday. But can you imagine how much money Rocky would be making if he was fighting today?

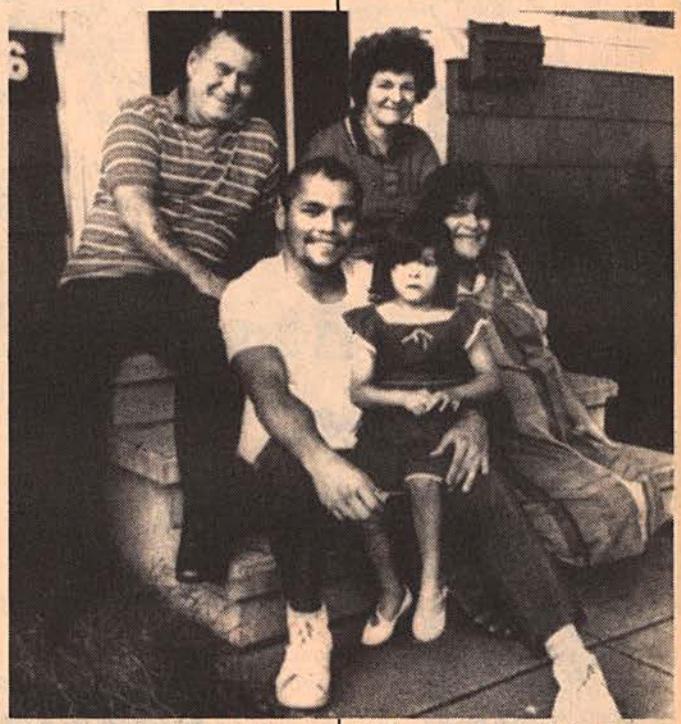


Marvin Hagler's fighting ability is not the only thing marvelous about the undisputed middleweight champion. So far, he has pulled down over $22 million in purses.

ROSIN DUST

Former WBC super lightweight boss Bill Costello had a change of heart only six days after he lost his title to Lonnie Smith in New York. Immediately following his defeat, Bill said: 'I fought nine years as a pro (actually seven). I reached my goal. I won the title. I made some money. Now I'll get the hell out.' Six days later he recanted and said he wanted to give it another try . . . Bobby Czyz has signed a two year promotional agreement with Carlos Dee Enterprises. Dee says he is negotiating with South Korean Chong-Pal Park for an IBF super middleweight bout for Czyz . . . While on the subject of Czyz, we erroneously reported in the October issue that Bobby had won the USBA super middleweight crown with a 12-round nod over Murray Sutherland. Not so. Sutherland had problems making weight and the bout was switched to a non-title 10-rounder, with Czyz winning a unanimous decision.

Good news. Welterweight Willie Camacho, who fractured his third cervical vertebrae during a Felt Forum bout with Floyd Peavy and later lapsed into a coma, is alive and well. He poses here with his daughter, Miriam, on his knee; wife Miriam, bottom right; trainer Bob Kowalski, left, and Kowalski's wife Marjorie.



PUNCHLINES

Dr. Fredie Pacheco, commenting on Aaron Pryor's problems: 'He looked like Dachau. Aaron is a very fragmented personality . . . It goes with chemical dependence.'

Combacking triple champ Alexis Arguello, discussing past mistakes he believes led to his downfall against Pryor: 'I got overconfident. After you win so much, you think you're Superman. I was partying and training at the same time. I got into the night life. I started drinking. I started smoking. I was damaging my life.

A retired Ray Mancini, commenting on WBC lightweight boss Hector Camacho: 'Next time I see him I'll ask him if I can have the next dance.'

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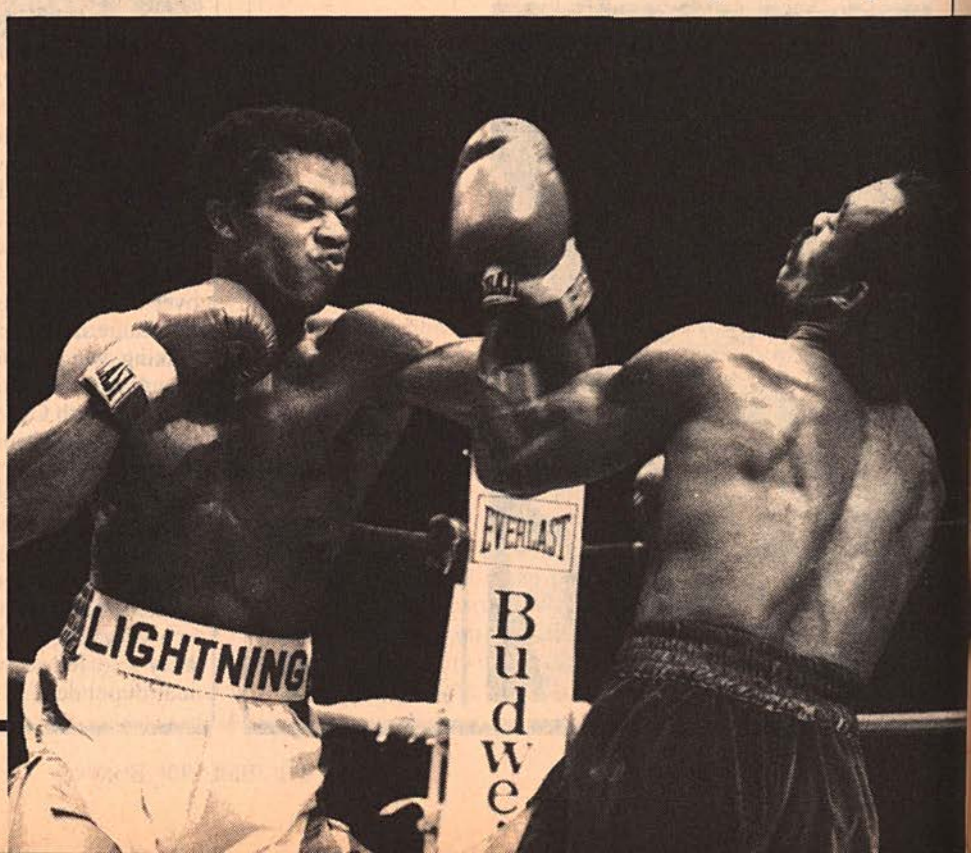
LIGHTNIN' STRIKES

An inside look at Lonnie Smith

BY JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN



"Lightnin' Lonnie" snaps Bill Costello's head back with a left hook on his way to an upset victory at Madison Square Garden. Smith was down briefly in the opening round, but bounced back to floor Costello five times before putting him away for good in the eighth.

IT'S TOO SOON TO TELL ABOUT "Lightnin' Lonnie" Smith. Any fighter can look great for one night, and it may be that his star will fade as quickly as it shone when he stopped Bill Costello at the Garden on August 21 for the WBC super lightweight title. It could be that like the man he beat, Lonnie Smith will only look good for as long as he's winning, and one serious beating will take him out of the game for good.

It could also be that he'll never have to take that serious beating. It could be that he'll just keep on winning, and that eventually the name of Lonnie Smith will be familiar even to people who have never actually seen a fight.

Personally, I'd like to see him keep on winning. I'd like to see him make a lasting mark on this game, and because of the kind of fighter Lonnie Smith is, it'll take him a lot of wins to make that mark.

The problem is that Lonnie Smith isn't a natural killer, like Roberto Duran or Aaron Pryor, or an effortless magician like Muhammad Ali or Ray Leonard. He's a thinking man's fighter, and that type always takes a while to strike the public's fancy.

Emile Griffith was a thinking man's fighter. So was Archie Moore. So was the man who probably had the greatest influence on Lonnie Smith's own form, Jersey Joe Walcott. These men don't make it look easy. They don't look like supermen in the ring. Sometimes they even look like they don't deserve to win. But they win.

Against Bill Costello, Smith did everything wrong. He let himself get hit with shots he could have avoided; he even let himself get decked. He didn't move enough. He didn't attack, when he had his man hurt, with the kind of frenzy we expect from great fighters. He walked away from his man, seeming to not even be looking at him. And he threw long, lazy, wild-looking punches that could have been blocked by your Aunt Tillie. But he won.

Lonnie Smith, who had never fought anyone of note before, had world champion Billy Costello not knowing whether to take a crap or wind his watch. Lonnie Smith, who, according to his record, can't punch, had Costello down five times in eight rounds. And they could have counted to fifty on that last knockdown.

It took me several hours of deep thought, as well as a long conversation with Lonnie Smith himself, to figure out how he'd done it. A fight of the kind Smith fought is a chess game: It can't be understood at a glance; it has to be picked apart and analyzed move by move in order for the whole of it to make sense.

What a lot of people don't realize is that boxing is really just full-contact chess: a matter of controlling the space you need to control until you find the right point of attack. One reason why I'm so high on Lonnie Smith is that he understands this concept.

"My game plan was to out-think Costello, to confuse him," he told me. "He was concentrating on knocking me out in the first or second round, so I let him try. I took his best shots in the first round, and after that he'd shot his wad. From then on, I played chess with him: took a piece here, a piece there, and then checkmate."

That sounds simple, and indeed I'd been able to observe that much from ringside. But Smith took it a few steps further, enlarging the concept of boxing as a kind of chess game. He reminded me that, like chess, boxing is a game of control, and, as in chess, this control can radiate in circles *from* the center, or in circles *toward* the center.

The winner and the new WBC super lightweight champion "Lightnin' Lonnie" Smith is awarded his (upsidedown) belt by Jose Torres, former light heavyweight champion and current New York boxing commissioner.

"The ring is called a ring for a reason," Smith explains. "Don't let those four corners fool you: it's a circle. The entire action of a fight goes in a circle; it can be little circles in the middle of the ring or big circles along the ropes, but always a circle. The man who wins is the man who controls the action of the circle, whether by moving around the outside of it, or by making the other man move. Costello's attack was lines, all straight lines. By moving in circles, I was able to control the action."

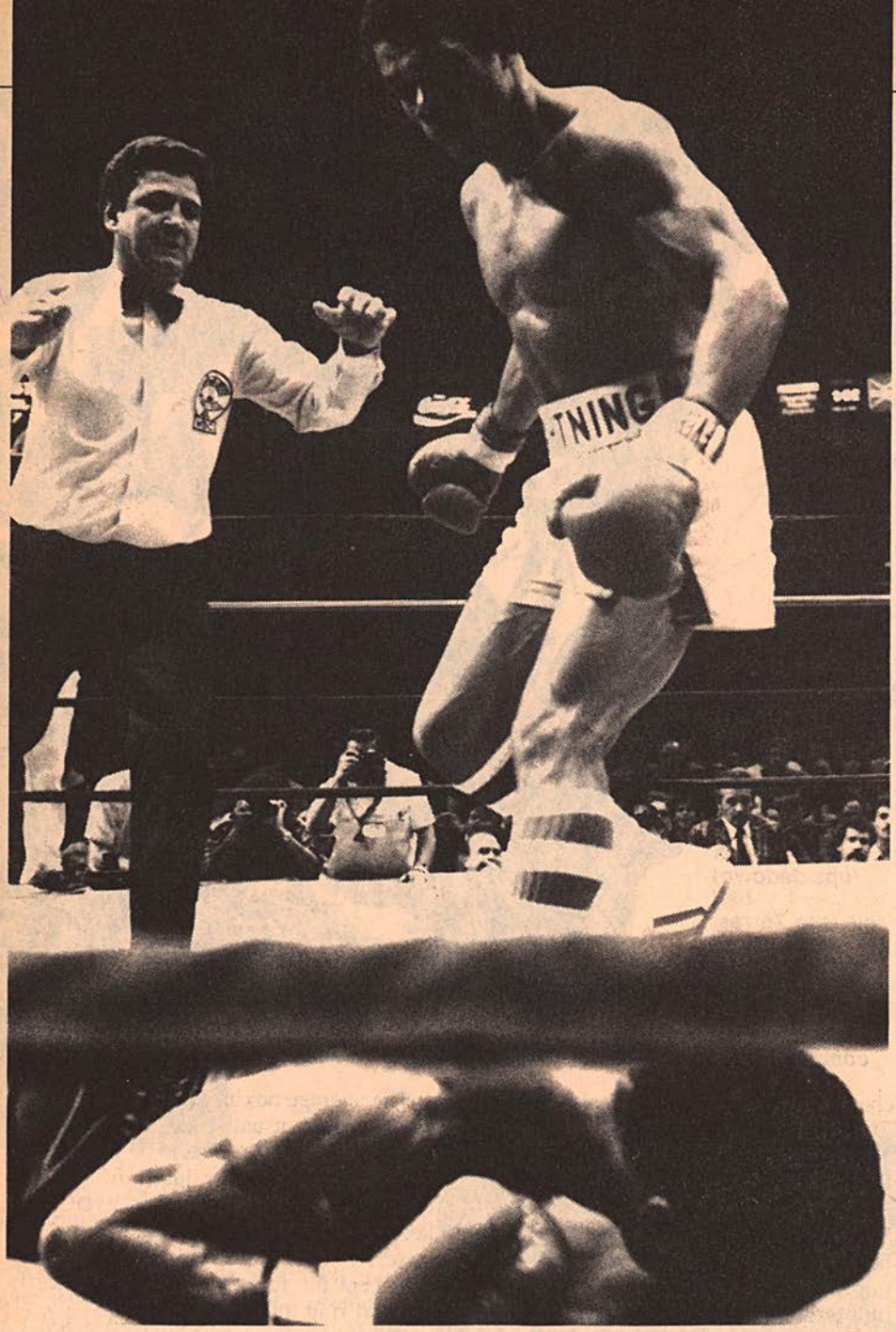
You seldom hear great truths when you're sitting in the lobby of the Omni Park Central with a martini in your hand, but there was one. If you stop and think about it, you'll find that Lonnie Smith is right, especially in view of how boxing has evolved over the years. It's a game of control as well as power, and those four corners are just hallucinations.

The average boxing fan worships speed and power; usually he doesn't care whether or not a boxer is intelligent. That's why I wonder just how popular Lonnie Smith is going to be, even if he keeps winning. To appreciate him, and boxers like him, you have to be willing to accept the fact that his intelligence is his best ring tool.

The average fan also worships the boxer as a moneymaker. He seldom has much use for the boxer as an artist. To the general public, it's usually more important that a fighter make a pile of money than that he contribute to the evolution of the art. That's another reason why I worry about Lonnie Smith: He seems to have more on his mind than becoming a millionaire.

Bill Costello announced his retirement after their fight, explaining that "I've made plenty of money; now it's time to get the hell out." Lonnie Smith isn't in the game just for money, he says; he's in it for posterity.

When we talked, the day after the fight,



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Referee Luis Rivera moves in to stop the fight after Costello goes down for the final time. It was Costello's first loss after 30 straight victories.

I mentioned that this had not been a classic fight. It had not been a case of speed *versus* power, or of a stand-up boxer *versus* a dancing master. Instead, it was a case of Costello, a state-of-the-art boxer/puncher, losing to a man who used a whole new approach. Like an Italian fashion designer, Lonnie Smith managed to do everything wrong and make it look perfect. Did he expect to see other boxers studying his work and maybe trying to imitate him?

"Absolutely. I'm an innovator. A trendsetter. My goal as a fighter is not so much to make a lot of money as it is to make a mark on boxing. I want to influence the fighters of the future. When I'm gone, I want people to analyze my style the way they analyzed Ali's or Ray Robinson's."

Smith seems to see boxing the way a truly serious fan sees it: as more art than sport. His preparation for Costello did not depend so much on a game plan, he said, as on establishing his own style.

"In my earliest fights, right up to this one, I didn't know who I was fighting until just before the fight," he told me. "So there was no way I could have a specific game plan. I planned my fight around Costello's style to some extent, but the most important part of my preparation was watching films of the old fighters: Walcott, Marciano, Louis Robinson. I'd notice how they reacted in certain situations, and take the best parts of each style. My own style is a little of each of the best fighters."

No, Lonnie Smith is not your run-of-the-mill world champion. He's not a glamour boy with clothes like Liberace and a mouth like Jerry Falwell, and he's not a scowling goon who looks like he eats live bulldogs for breakfast. He's even scarier than that: He's a fighter who makes you think.

But as scary as that may be, I suggest that we need people like Lonnie Smith. If we want the rest of the world to understand that boxing is more than just legalized brutality, we—the boxing fans—have got to admit that Lonnie Smith's intelligence is worth just as much as Marvin Hagler's punch, Ray Leonard's speed or Hector Camacho's glitter.

As I've said, I don't know how high Lonnie Smith will rise. But if he does become an immortal, it can't hurt if he gets people to notice not only his victories, but his contributions to the sport, whatever they might turn out to be.

If Smith is sincere when he talks about the importance of his place in history, it probably would be best if he didn't rise too high too fast, at that. It won't help him if he rises so fast that people lose sight of him, and can see only the trail of stardust behind him.

"He got built up too high," Smith told me, referring to a certain fighter of about his own weight who has become famous for his flamboyant trunks. "He's forgot where he came from. There's other ways of being colorful. My own idea of 'colorful' is for people to tell their kids, 'Grow up and do something big like Lonnie Smith: he grew from the root to the fruit.' " □

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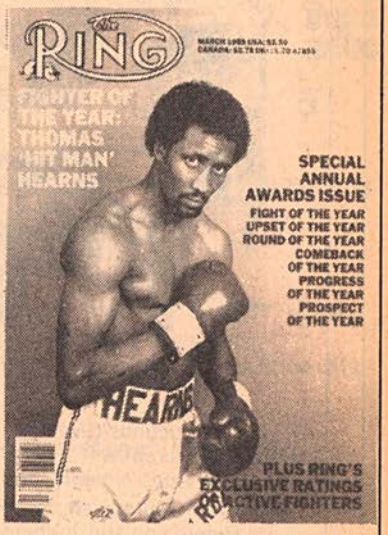

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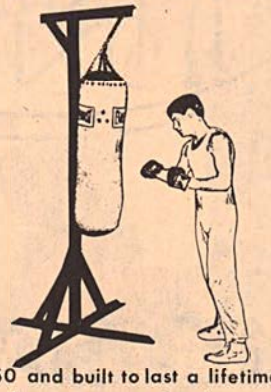

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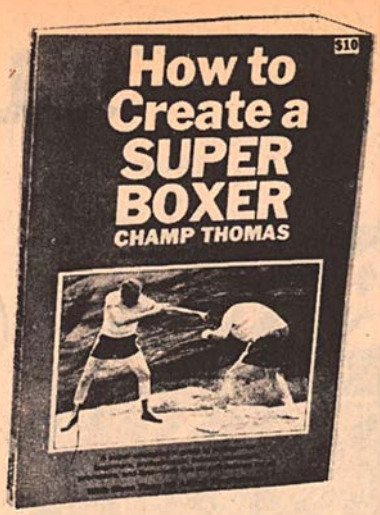

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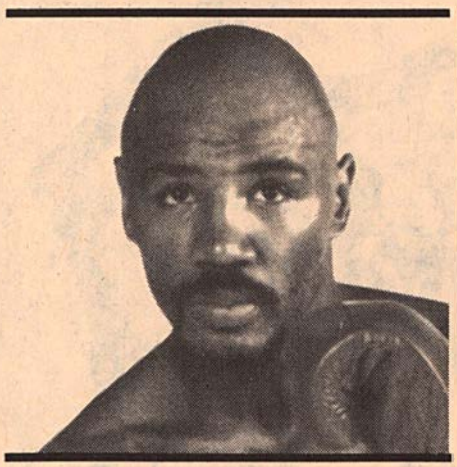
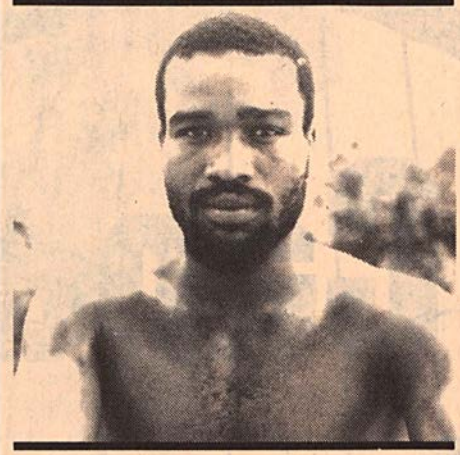


Marvelous Marvin Hagler



John (The Beast) Mugabi

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Who do you think will win the upcoming Marvelous Marvin Hagler-John "The Beast" Mugabi bout?

Al Bernstein *(ESPN color commentator):*
I think it's going to be a very tough fight for John Mugabi. Of course, Mugabi has a puncher's chance, but I'm not too sure he's gonna be able to hit Hagler with much. Most people think Mugabi's best punch is his right, but after looking at the tapes, I think his real power is that awkward left hook of his. Then, he finishes guys off with the right. Hagler isn't going to fight Mugabi the same way he fought Hearns. Marvin will probably box Mugabi for about five rounds before he opens up. I also think Hagler's handspeed will be a problem for Mugabi. All in all, I see an inside-the-distance win for Hagler.

Bill Gallo *(New York Daily News columnist):*
I like Hagler without too much trouble. I don't see Mugabi as anything more than a rough, tough, come-out-swinging kind of guy. Hagler has never had problems with that type of fighter. Hagler only has problems when he respects the other guy as a boxer. Roberto Duran, for instance. The only way I can see Mugabi winning is if he gets lucky and lands a big punch. And, frankly, I don't think he's gonna get lucky. Hagler inside of seven.

Jim Jacobs *(Boxing historian and owner of the world's largest collection of fight films):*
I think that boxing people in general and the odds makers in particular have completely misjudged the Hagler-Mugabi fight. I think they miss the fact that the 1985 version of Marvelous Marvin Hagler is in no way related to the 1978 version. What most people fail to focus on is how lousy Hagler looked in his fight with Thomas Hearns. Hearns hit Hagler with practically every punch he threw. The trouble is that Hearns didn't hit hard enough to get Hagler's attention. Nobody can say that Hagler doesn't get hit. Look at his last five fights. He was hit cleanly in every one of them. Sometime during the fight Mugabi will hit Hagler and become the new middleweight champion by knockout.

Jake La Motta *(Former world middleweight champion):*
It figures to be an easy fight for Hagler. But he's been on top for a long time now, and it only takes one punch from this guy (Mugabi) to end a fight. I still like Hagler, but Mugabi has a decent chance.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler *(Undisputed middleweight champion):*
The Monster is going to feast on The Beast.

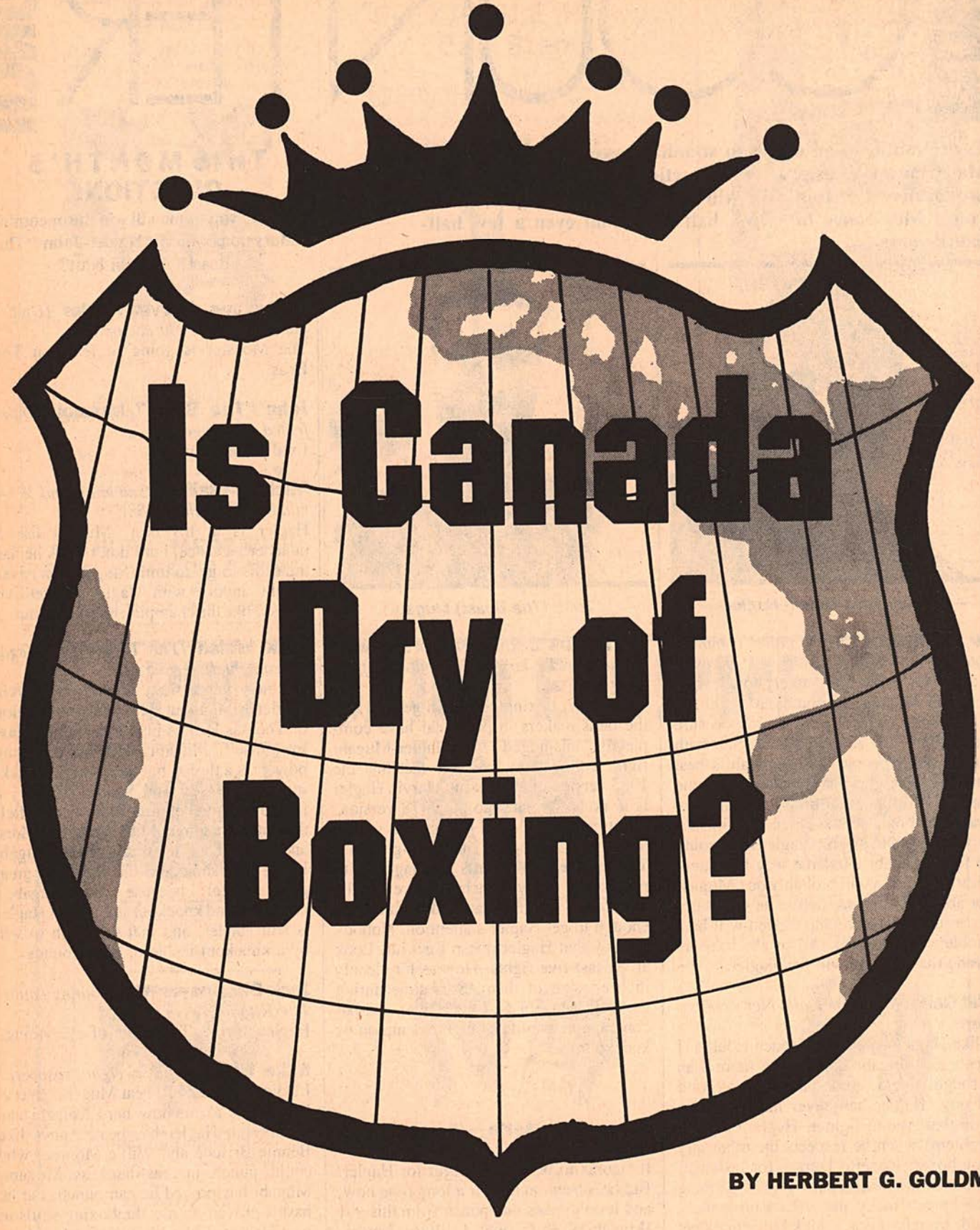
John "The Beast" Mugabi *(Undefeated challenger):*
I will knock him out.

Michael Olajide *(Canadian and WAA middleweight champion):*
Hagler is at his best. Mugabi has a puncher's chance, but I don't think he has the skills to get to him. Mugabi has never fought anyone with Hagler's defensive skills. I like the champion by a knockout.

Jack Welsh *(The Ring's Las Vegas bureau chief):*
We now know what Marvelous Marvin Hagler is all about. His total annihilation of Thomas Hearns puts Marvin in a class by himself. Mugabi, with his punching power, is a threat, but he's woefully lacking in defense. And against Hagler, a fighter without defense is like a centerfielder without a glove. Mickey Duff has done an excellent job of maneuvering Mugabi into a title shot, and the fight has great gate appeal because of Mugabi's nickname and knockout streak. But Hagler is still Hagler, and that's enough to win by a knockout inside of eight rounds.

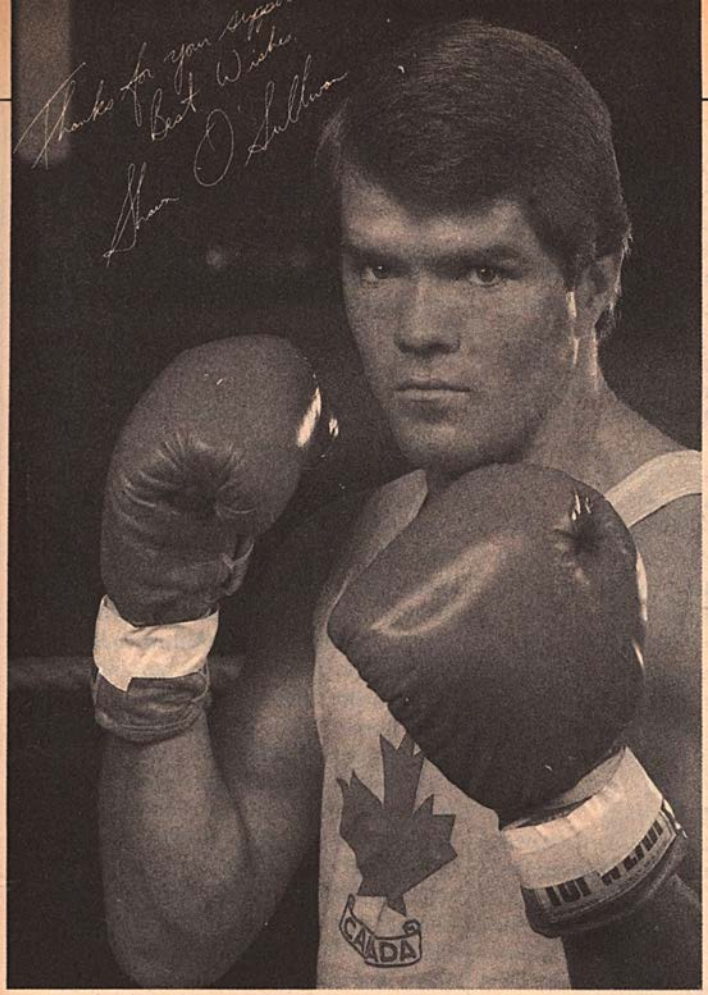
Jack Obermayer *(Contributing editor, The Ring):*
Hagler in five. Too much of everything.

Mike Tinley *(Middleweight prospect):*
I believe Hagler will beat Mugabi. Everybody talks about how hard Mugabi can punch, but Hagler has beaten guys like Bennie Briscoe and Willie Monroe, who could punch just as hard as Mugabi. Mugabi has proved he can punch, but he hasn't proved he has the boxing skills to beat Hagler. I like Marvin by a knockout in the late rounds.



Is Canada Dry of Boxing?

BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



Welterweight prospect Shawn O'Sullivan is currently the hottest fighter in Canada, drawing SRO crowds wherever he appears.

THERE IS A COUNTRY TO THE NORTH of the United States, a vast open wilderness of 3,851,809 square miles inhabited by some 22,000,000 people. It is known as "Canada."

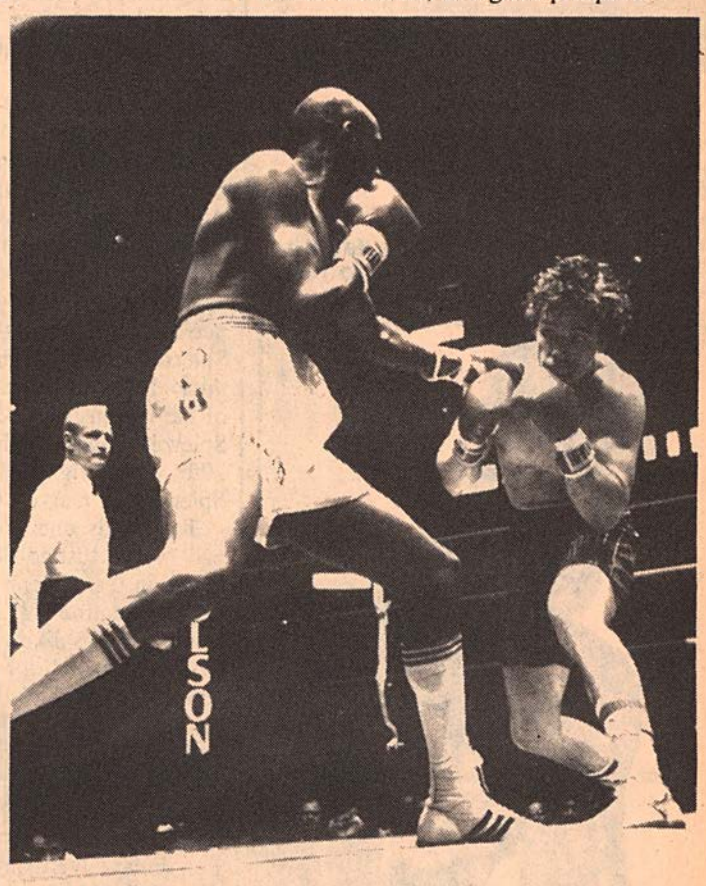
I don't know much about the country, and it's only fair to state I've never been there. I have one friend in Toronto, a journalist affiliated with the Canadian Broadcasting Company. I once told him my "mental picture" of his country: he and his family in eskimo clothing, huddled around a radio trying to get news from the outside world. My friend thought it was funny; he also asked me if I wanted to die.

Mexico, our neighbor to the south, has about 50,000,000 people in only 759,530 square miles. More importantly, at least as far as *The Ring* is concerned, it also has over 1,000 professional boxers. Canada has only about 75, of which five—the Hilton brothers, 1984 Olympic heavyweight silver medalist Willie de Wit, and light liddleweight silver medal winner Shawn O'Sullivan—have "drawing" power.

In order to determine why, I spoke to several Canadian commissions and promoters. One of these was Gordon Grayson, commissioner of boxing in Calgary, Alberta, where 4,000 people packed the Max Bell Arena to watch Shawn O'Sullivan win a unanimous decision over Alfonso (Bumble Bee) Long on July 27th. Calgary is simply not a boxing town, and Mr. Grayson says that even the three Hiltons "would not draw" there. The folks who saw Shawn outpoint Bumble Bee were there to see a media/Olympic hero. Few "boxing fans," as such, could be numbered among them.

No one promotes boxing on a regular basis in Calgary, the fifth largest city in the country. The situation is a little better in Edmonton, where Stevenson and Berbin Productions managed to build a show around local heavyweight Ken Lakusta on March 2nd. The attendance was about 1,200, but the odor of the fight could be smelled up in Whitehorse.

British Columbia is a different story. The hardy people of that western province have a fondness for the "manly art," and several good local fighters are capable of drawing good crowds to Vancouver's 20,000-seat capacity Pacific Coliseum and even, on occasion, to The Dome, a stadium able to seat 80,000 for a fight card. Tony Pep, the 6'1" Canadian featherweight champion, is a favorite, as is Mike Olajide (when he fights). Young Dale Walters, the 1984 Olympic bantamweight bronze medalist, is a good prospect.

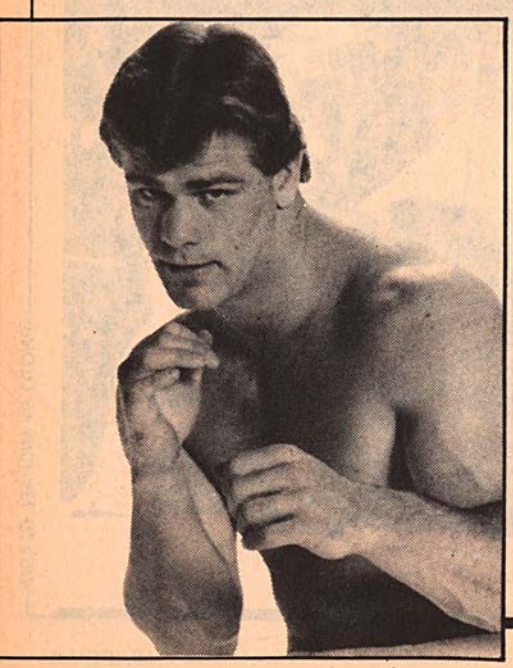


Mathew Hilton (right) on his way to a 10-round decision over Brazil's Francisco DeJesus before 12,000 fans at the Montreal Forum, January 22, 1985.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL GLADU

Canadian welterweight champion Donny Poole recently returned to his native land after campaigning in the United States. His slam-bang style is popular with the fans wherever he performs.

Canadian Olympic star Willie de Wit has moved his base of operation to Texas.



As in Atlantic City, where boxing shows are "carried" by casino-hotels, the fight game in Canada is partly subsidized. Moulsons Beer, the biggest "sugar daddy," gives belts to all Canadian national champions, but Labatts, another brewery, is another sponsor.

These beer companies, however, are almost alone in their efforts to boost the fight game. Call it cultural, call it what you will, but boxing is not as popular in Canada as it is in the United States. Not with fewer than 100 active pros.

Might the answer be American TV? Canada receives all three U.S. networks (CBS, NBC, and ABC), but there is virtually no interest from the Canadian Broadcasting Company (the nation's leading network), and press coverage in Ontario, for example, is quite poor. Boxing in Toronto is probably on the upswing, but the sport has still not overcome the bad publicity of a few years ago, brought on by some poor fight cards.

Demiano Pelegrino has drawn crowds of 2,000 to the 5,000-capacity George Bell Arena, and shows at the smaller (1,000) St. Louis Market are often sell-outs. But that's all. The situation does not compare to fight happy Mexico, or even to the Detroit of three seasons past.

I asked Henri Spietzer, probably the country's leading promoter (he's been known to put 13,000-19,000 people into the 20,000 capacity Montreal Forum), if he thought American promoters were hurting the Canadian game by luring away talent like the Hiltons. M. Spietzer gave me an emphatic "No."

True, Don King did sign the three Hilton brothers to a fairly long term contract, but Don's big enough to cut a man like Spietzer in for a piece of the action if he thinks he needs his expertise. At least two of the Hiltons will be headlining a King-Spietzer program at the Forum on October 20th, with King the "high" promoter and Spietzer the man on the scene.

This leads one to take a real "bird's eye" view. Just how important is a fight's locale in the present era of TV and more TV? If Matthew Hilton won a world's title, it seems likely that his title bouts would be staged in Montreal and beamed across Canada and the rest of the world on TV—American TV.

The conflict, as can readily be seen, is not between American promoters and their counterparts north of the border. It is between American TV, with its multi-million dollar advertising sources, and Canadian TV, whose sponsors do not have American-sized assets and who, by and large, have little or no interest in the fight game.

That would seem to sum it up, although it would be only fair to add that the Canadian networks themselves could not care less.

And neither, it seems, could the Canadian people.

Even Shawn O'Sullivan, the current "glamour boy" of Canadian boxing, is managed by Mike Trainer, the American lawyer who did a fine job of handling the career of all-time great Sugar Ray Leonard. O'Sullivan, a very proud Canadian, has compiled most of his 6-0 pro record in Canadian rings. This is in marked contrast to fellow Olympian Willie de Wit, whose less than scintillating efforts have been telecast to North American homes from places as far south as Las Vegas, Nevada.

Trainer has done well by the young puncher, publicizing his young client in a way that few, if any, Canadian managers could or would, have done. Mike, who can afford to take his time with his charge, has not rushed Shawn into a big network TV fight before his time. O'Sullivan has simply been allowed to fight increasingly tough six-round fighters, gathering experience and building the self confidence he will need before American fight critics see him on TV and start to pick apart his faults. (O'Sullivan is easy to hit.)

The Canadian Boxing Federation now publishes bi-monthly rankings. Usually, they list a total of 25-35 fighters, including national champions in six weight classes. The champions, at this writing, are as follows:

Heavyweight—Trevor Berbick. This is really funny, inasmuch as Berbick also won the USBA title by defeating David Bey in Vegas on June 15th and has since defended the U.S. crown by outpointing Mitchell Green. Berbick is billed out of Miami, Florida when he defends his U.S. title and out of Halifax, Nova Scotia when he puts his Canadian and Commonwealth championships on the line. This may put big Trevor in a class with Winston Churchill as regards duel citizenships.

Light Heavyweight—Title vacant. Don LaLonde, an unusually good looking fighter from Winnipeg (take notes, Trevor), was forced to resign the title after asking for one postponement too many against number one contender Willie Featherstone. One of the postponements allowed Don to fight for the NABF crown

against champion Willie Edwards. Unfortunately for Canadian boxing, LaLonde lost.

Middleweight—Michael Olajide, Jr. Mike, the son of a Nigerian, is a good fighter, though he would be on the decidedly short end of the betting line against NABF champion James Shuler—not to mention world champ Hagler. Mike, a very well spoken resident of Vancouver, has been picayune about fight offers of late.

Welterweight—Donnie Poole. The Toronto native has just won the title. A "good little fighter," his lack of height (5′5″) would place him at a decided disadvantage in international competition. His title-winning effort against Ricky Anderson drew well in Halifax, Nova Scotia, probably Canada's second best (after Montreal) fight city.

Lightweight—Remo DiCarlo. A good banger, this Toronto fighter is not being well promoted.

Featherweight—Tony Pep. The tall native of Vancouver lost to Darrell Savoy in Las Vegas on August 22nd, but he's likely to remain Canadian feather champ as long as he can make the weight; there just isn't much competition at 126 in the country. Former leather pusher Tony Dowling is Pep's manager. Dowling is the man who picked Gord Racette out of the tough man shows and made him a drawing card in British Columbia.

Several good prospects, in addition to O'Sullivan and de Wit, seem to have legitimate careers on the horizon. Terry Francis, a 6′2″ middleweight, is now 2-0. A stand-up boxer-puncher, this Toronto youngster will be heard from in the future.

Peter Wally, a colleague of O'Sullivan in the amateur ranks, has yet to make his pro debut, but Andy Foremgie, a 7-0 light heavyweight, is lighting up the action for promoter Spietzer in Montreal. In Vancouver, there is Johnny Herbert, a tough welter who just recently defeated Laurie Mann.

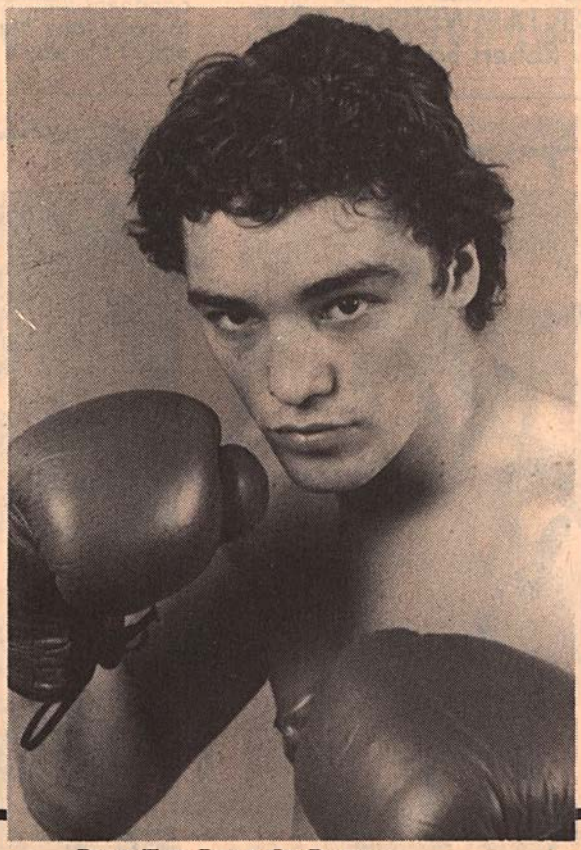
The last world title fight held in Canada took place in the Univesity of Toronto's Varsity Stadium on June 22nd, 1984—a Don Elbaum promotion that saw Aaron Pryor retain his Int. Boxing Federation junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over tough local Nick Furlano. Varsity Stadium, built for soccer and football, holds 26,000 people. Pryor, in his first fight since scoring a repeat victory over Alexis Arguello nine months earlier, drew only about 4,000 people. Does that tell you something about Canadian boxing?

The Hiltons, should either Matthew (the pick of the litter), Alex, or Dave, Jr. win a title, should do much better, gate wise, in Montreal, but it's doubtful whether they could hope to fill the massive Olympic Stadium—even if Matthew went head to (bald) head against Hagler.

Spietzer claims that American TV only helps promote boxing in Canada. He may be right, but Canadian sports fans seem more than satisfied with whatever boxing the American networks deign to offer. They sit in their snug houses, watch Wide World of Sports, and sip their Moulsons.

And who can blame them? It's too *cold* to sit in Varsity Stadium and watch men like Furlano get beat up by men like Pryor. □

Montreal promoter Henri Spitzer (center) flanked by Alex Hilton (left) and Ralph Hollett prior to the battle for the Canadian middleweight title. Hilton won by a knockout in eight, but has since been stripped of his title.



Davey Hilton Jr., the oldest of the fighting brothers, is the current Continental Americas welterweight champion. A recent motorcycle accident has temporarily put him on the sidelines.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO—THE TURNING came in round five. Over the first four sessions, Lupe Pintor had looked exactly like what most fans thought he was—a washed-up former champion. Although Lupe had trudged dutifully forward, WBC super bantamweight boss Juan (Kid) Meza had nailed him repeatedly with sparkling combinations. It seemed only a matter of time before Meza would batter his fellow countryman into submission. But as the bell sounded for the beginning of the fifth, Pintor somehow managed to roll back the hands of time and recapture the fire of his youth.

He produced a sizzling left-right combination that sent Meza reeling into the ropes, and then dropped the defending champion with another potent combination to the head. The pro-Pintor roared their delight as a groggy Meza staggered to his feet. Pintor was on him like a panther, winging punches fast and furiously. Meza bravely tried to rally back, but Lupe caught him again, dropping Juan in a neutral corner. Meza sat gasping for breath, but gamely found the strength to beat the count and survive the round.

Although the battle was to rage on for seven more rounds of toe-to-toe action, the tide had turned. Lupe Pintor was on his way to his second world championship—a feat most experts felt was virtually impossible.

Pintor was born Jose Guadalupe Pintor on April 13, 1955 in Cuajimalpa, a little farming town near Mexico City. His professional career began on March 2, 1974 with a knockout victory over Manuel Vasquez. Six years later, he upset Carlos Zarate via a 15-round decision to capture the WBC bantamweight crown. Although his decision over Zarate was highly controversial, Carlos retired soon after and Pintor became extremely popular with Mexican fans on both sides of the border. He successfully defended his title eight times, turning back the challenges of Alberto Sandoval (KO12), Eijiro Murata (D15), Johnny Owen (KO12), Albert Davila (W15), Jose Uziga (W15), Jovito Rengifo (KO8), Hurricane Teru (KO15) and Seung-Hoon Lee (KO11).

Following a non-title win over Jorge Lujan in 1982, Lupe decided to step up in weight and challenge Wilfredo Gomez for the WBC junior featherweight title. They met in New Orleans on December 2nd. It proved to be an epic fight, one that will long be remembered by those lucky enough to have seen it. Both fighters took turns giving and receiving, but, as the fight swung into the 14th round, Pintor seemed to be forging ahead. Then came a dramatic shift in fortune. Gomez came up with a stunning four-punch combination and Pintor crumpled to the canvas. He was up at the count of four, and took the rest of the mandatory eight count on his feet. When action resumed, Gomez pinned Pintor on the ropes and dug a vicious left hook to the body that put him down again. Referee Arthur Mercante signaled an end to the brawl 2:44 into the 14th, and Pintor's dream of a second title was over—at least for the next three years.

Pintor's career has always been characterized by frequent ups and downs. While still recuperating from the Gomez defeat, Lupe was seriously injured in a motor accident that broke his jaw. His convalescence kept him out of action all of 1983 and the WBC decided to take away his bantamweight title. At the time it seemed like the end of the road. But in '84, Pintor launched a comeback, winning two fights in Los Angeles. While he certainly didn't

PINTOR DECISIONS MEZA FOR WBC SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE

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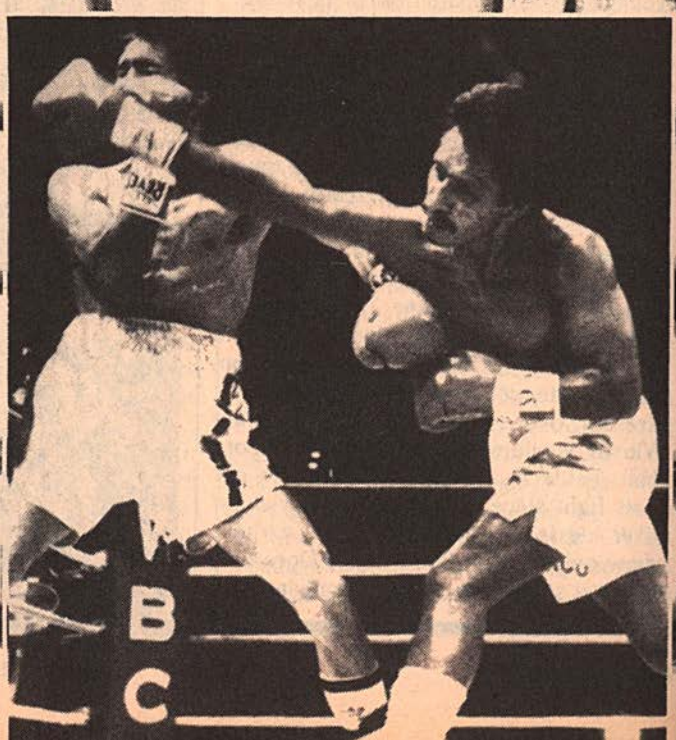

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Lupe Pintor (right) missed this right hand, but both he and opponent Juan (Kid) Meza connected with enough punches to make their brawl for the WBC super bantamweight title one of the year's most exciting fights.

look like the Pintor of old, the fans still adored him and turned out in droves to watch him fight.

Just how much Pintor had slipped was evident when Adrian Arreola forced him to quit in his corner after the seventh round of their match at the Olympic Auditorium on January 1, 1985. Arreola had won every round, and once again, Pintor was advised to retire. He didn't.

"I am in good shape and I will be champ again," said Pintor repeatedly. "Boxing is a hard profession. It's not a child's game, but I am ready to prove I can still be a winner." And prove it he did.

The optimism of the man from Cuajimalpa seemed out of place. Juan (Kid) Meza was not an easy opponent. His frightening punch had allowed him to win the WBC super bantamweight belt in less than a round when he kayoed Jaime Garza. Meza proved that his upset victory over the previously unbeaten Garza was no fluke by stopping Mike Ayala in the sixth round on his first defense.

Pintor's problems were not restricted to the ring. His indifference to boxing increased when several operations were needed to repair the broken bones in his right hand. There were also personal discrepancies with his manager, Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez. A signed contract to face Daniel Zaragoza for the Mexican national title was unfulfilled when Lupe could not make the required 118-pound weight limit. There followed an aftermath of law suits and claims for compensation money. In a way, Pintor was forced to prolong his career in order to make enough money to stay out of jail.

However, going into the Meza fight, Pintor was brimming with confidence, saying: "I am in my best shape and I will be king again."

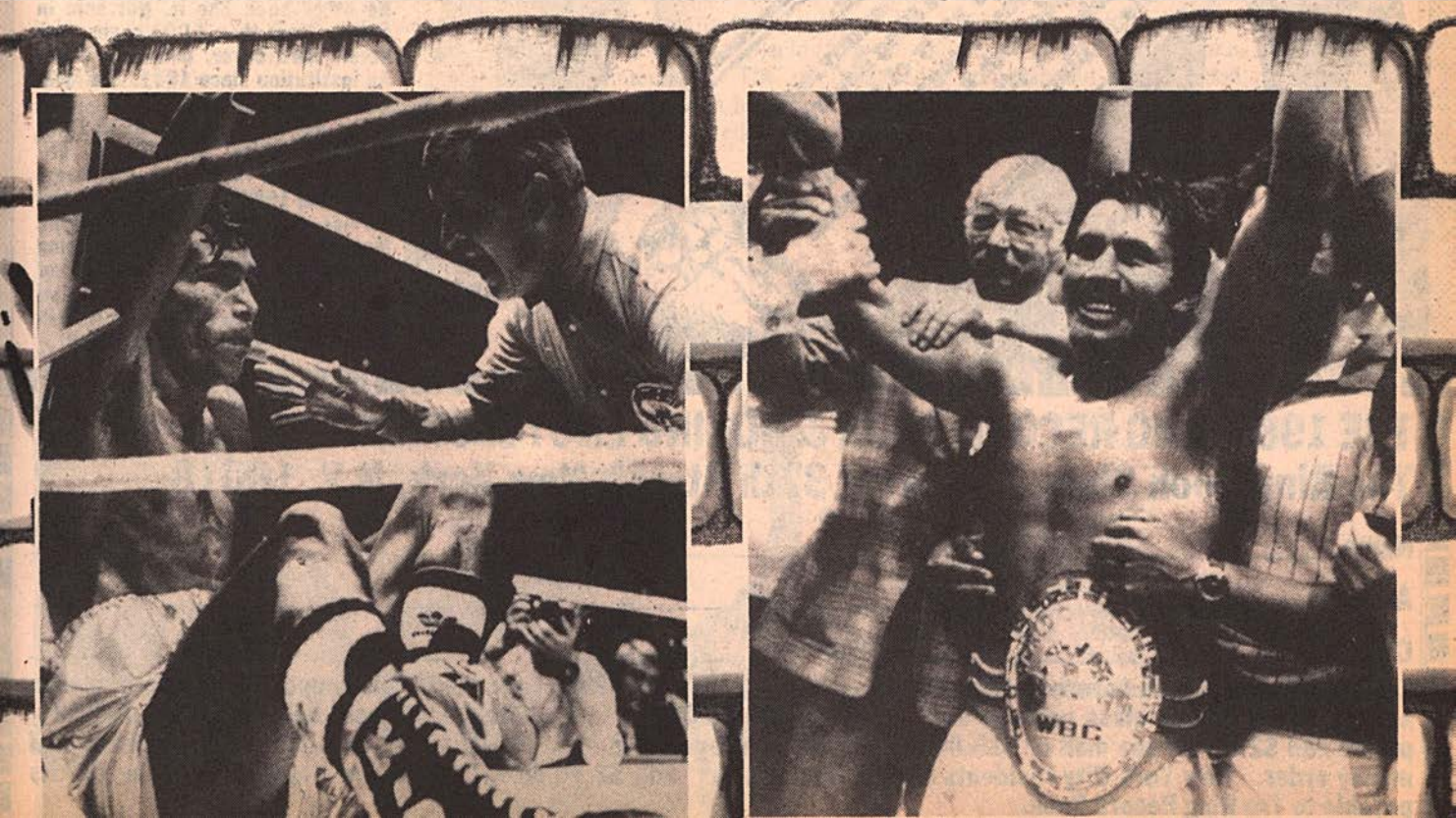
Until the fifth round, his words seemed a hollow boast. But Pintor was always something special and his amazing comeback places him with Ruben Olivares and Freddie Castillo—the only other Mexican fighters to win titles in two different divisions.

It is true that the Pintor of four or five years ago would have probably finished the job in the fifth, but, at 30 years of age, he just couldn't turn the trick. This allowed Meza to stage several of his own rallies, cutting Pintor over the right eye in the seventh. But down the stretch, it was all Lupe, and he left hooked Meza to the floor again in the 10th to cement his thrilling victory. By the time the final bell sounded at the end of the 12th, both men had fought themselves into a state of near collapse, but it was Pintor who won the final rounds and the unanimous decision.

Pintor, who improved his record to 54-7-2 with 35 knockouts, said, "I had confidence in myself. I thought I could have won earlier, but I wanted to give Meza a fight he will remember the rest of his life."

Meza, who felt he was affected by Mexico City's 7,250 foot altitude, hopes Lupe will give him a rematch. Although his record fell to 43-7 with 35 knockouts, Meza waged a tremendous struggle and certainly shares in the glory of a great fight.

Now that the doors of fame are wide open again, Pintor's future will either be another step ahead or a final retirement. Either way, Lupe Pintor will always hold a special place in the hearts of boxing fans—especially those of his native Mexico. □



Champion Juan (Kid) Meza struggles to beat the referee's count during the fifth round of his bout with Lupe Pintor. Meza went down a total of three times, losing the WBC super bantamweight belt via a unanimous decision.

A champion once again. Lupe Pintor raises his arm in victory following his thrilling battle with Juan (Kid) Meza in Mexico City. Pintor won the WBC super bantamweight belt, outpointing Meza over 12 give-and-take rounds.

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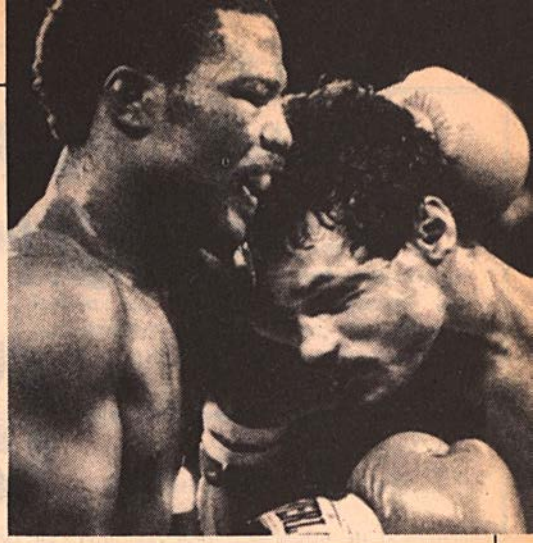
A LEGEND RETURNS

Alexis Arguello Gives Boxing One Last Try

by Robert Muldoon



Alexis Arguello (right) shows the strain of battle during his second fight with Aaron Pryor, September 10, 1983. Pryor stopped Alexis in 10 rounds, sending him into retirement.

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ALEXIS ARGUELLO HAS TWICE TRIED to scale the heights of boxing immortality but has twice been buried under an avalanche of fists—Aaron Pryor's fists. Motivated by a sense of history—and failing finances—Arguello is making another assault on boxing's summit. He is attempting to become the first to win four world titles.

To that end, Arguello, formerly of Nicaragua and then of Miami, has resurfaced in Laconia, New Hampshire to launch his comeback at age 33. It has been a long climb back for Arguello since his second loss to Pryor in September 1983. During retirement he acted (in *Miami Vice*) and made personal appearances for Miller Beer (at $2000 per day), but these pursuits did not satisfy his soul or bank account. The inner coals still glow with a burning obsession for title number four. He yearns for fistic redemption.

"A man who doesn't have a goal is no man at all," says the former featherweight, junior lightweight, and lightweight champion.

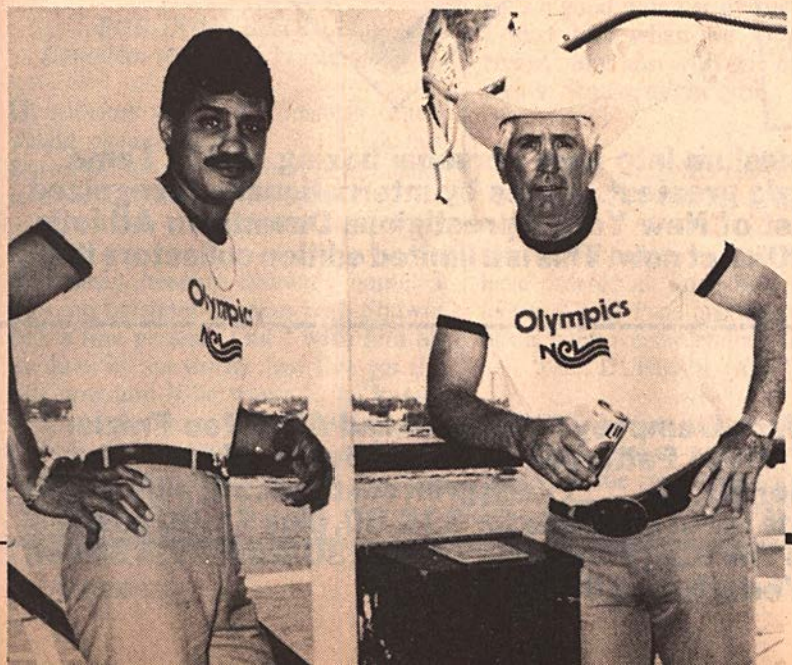
Laconia, with its slow pace and absence of distractions, was the ideal setting for Arguello's rededication to his craft. It is the home of manager Bill Miller, and Alexis likes it so much that he has moved his family there. He has been training since June in the back of a local warehouse.

On August 27, Arguello left the woods of New Hampshire for his first public unveiling since his retirement in a six round exhibition against Manny (Diablo) Madera in Lowell, Massachusetts. The city was abuzz in anticipation of the event. Arguello, no Eddie Mustapha Muhammad, weighed in at a trim 142, just two pounds over the junior welterweight limit. His opponent Madera (16-8), a 10-year pro from Lowell via Puerto Rico, had been a sparring partner in Laconia. Both fighters donned headgear and 14 ounce gloves.

In spite of the fight program which claimed, "There is no love lost between them," the action was restrained in the opening two rounds. Then in the third came a series of toe-to-toe exchanges. Arguello was back! His menacing eyes bespoke his intentions. The overmatched Madera emerged with his face a mask of blood. Arguello backed off, later saying "It's just an exhibition. I didn't want to hurt the kid."

Arguello's merciful ways continued in the fourth and fifth, but his heart hardened once again in the final round. He rocked Madera, 150, and opened a gaping gash under the right eye. The exhibition ended with fans pouring to ring's edge to engulf the Nicaraguan legend. He left the arena, a Pied Piper of Pugilism, with throngs of kids following, chanting his name in unison, while off in the distance the junior welterweight summit looms slightly less formidable.

Three days after his exhibition in Lowell, Arguello held a press conference in New York City to announce his first comeback fight. He will not be taking the easy road. His scheduled opponent is Californian Andy Nance, a 23-year-old psychology major at San Francisco State University. Nance owns a 20-1-1 pro record and is certainly not a soft touch. They will meet in a scheduled 10-rounder, October 5th in Anchorage, Alaska, and the outcome should give a good indication of how much Alexis has left. □



During his retirement Arguello did promotional work for Miller beer. He is seen here with rodeo champion Jim Shoulders aboard the Norwegian ship M/S Skyward during a "Miller Lite Celebrities" Theme Cruise.

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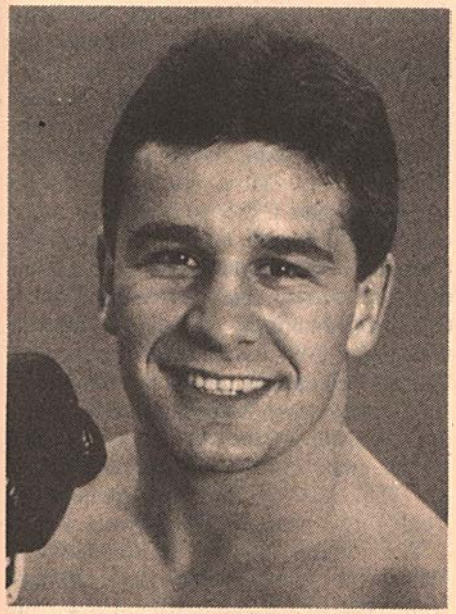
FOR JOHN (THE BEAST) MUGABI
Middleweight contender

Q: What makes you think you can beat a great fighter like Marvin Hagler?
S.C., TAMPA, FL

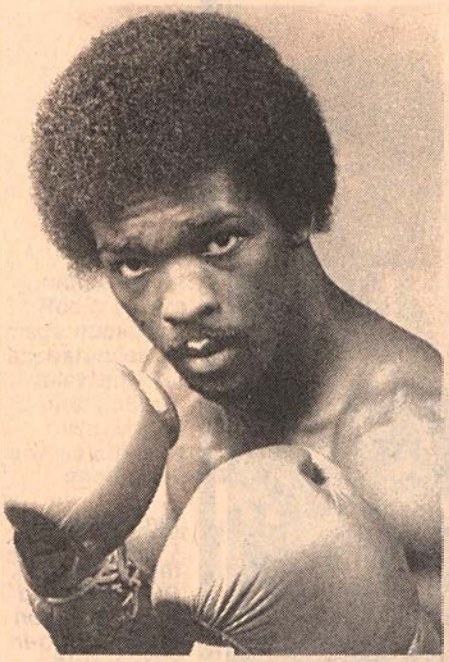
A: It is very simple. When my punches catch you on target, you must go down. I don't know of anyone who can stand up to my punching power.



FOR DONNY POOLE
Canadian welterweight champion

Q: Although you are the Canadian welterweight champion, some fans think that Shawn O'Sullivan is the best 147-pounder in Canada. What's your opinion?
R.F., TORONTO, CANADA

A: I keep hearing Shawn's name. I have no personal grudges with Shawn; he's a fine person. And I wish him all the luck in the world. But I've got the title now and if he wants it, he knows where to find me. That would be one big war. He likes to mix it up and so do I. It would be a case of each of us saying: 'Okay, let's go.'



FOR JAMES (THE HEAT) KINCHEN
Middleweight contender

Q: You had a very close fight with James Shuler. How do you think he will do in his upcoming match with Thomas Hearns?
R.T., MAPLE SHADE, NJ

A: He (Shuler) will pressure Hearns. He's a good puncher on the inside. But I hurt him when we fought, and if Hearns hits him with one of those long rights, Shuler might go.

FOR GERRIE COETZEE
Former WBA heavyweight champion

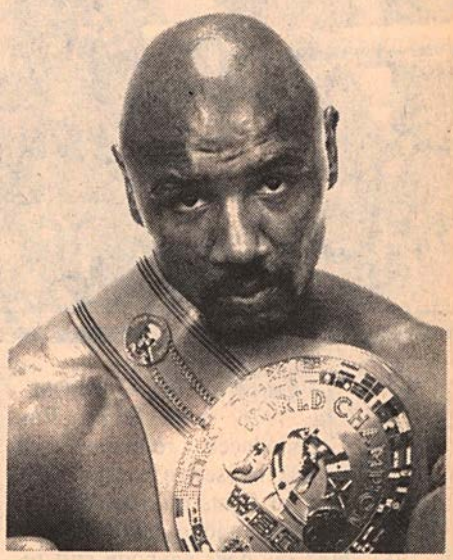
Q: Do you believe that the WBA should have ordered an immediate rematch between (Greg) Page and yourself in view of the controversial ending of that bout?
T.P., DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

A: I still believe that had I been an American, they would have done so. However, the controversy won't get me back my title. Only my fists can do that.

FOR LARRY HOLMES
IBF heavyweight champion

Q: How do you feel about all the drug abuse going on among today's fighters?
B.G., NEW YORK, NY

A: I did pot just one time when I was 16 or 17 and that was it. I never did it again and I don't allow anybody around my camp that does. I fire anybody that has anything to do with the stuff. I even fired one of my brothers and barred him from my camp for a year for messing with it. But he's okay now.



FOR MARVELOUS
MARVIN HAGLER
Undisputed middleweight champion

Q: You have always been one of my heroes. Was there anyone you looked up to when you were a kid?
J.M., LAREDO, TX

A: My idols weren't the bums out there on the streets. I wanted to be somebody some day. I wanted to be a Mickey Mantle, a Floyd Patterson, a Joe Frazier, a Muhammad Ali, or a Willie Mays. I wanted to be one of the best athletes ever.

SOLID GOLD MAN

Two staples of TV fights during the 50s and 60s, Dick Tiger and Holly Mims (on scale), weigh-in before their 1959 fight in Chicago, won by Tiger on points.

BOXING, WHICH ENJOYED A "BOOM" period from 1976 until Sugar Ray Leonard's announced retirement in November, 1982, has seen a recent decline in the number of fights on network TV. There was certainly a lot of boxing on TV in 1981, but . . . does anybody still remember 1954?

In that year, 209 live shows were telecast—the all-time record. At one point, there were five weekly shows on network TV—one on CBS, one on NBC, one on the old DuMont network, and two on ABC. That, dear readers, is a lot of boxing.

The windfall started when Jim Norris' International Boxing Club signed contracts with Gillette and Pabst in 1951. Seventy-two I.B.C. shows were televised that year, providing Norris and Co. with close to $1,000,000. "Watched with extreme interest," the late Johnny Salak wrote in *The Ring*, "was the fact that television fees in many instances during the year, particularly I.B.C. presentations on Wednesday and Friday nights, outdrew the actual gross." This is considered natural today, but things were looked at differently in 1951. Boxing, like a lot of other fields since plowed under by the TV juggernaut, was a thriving business.

By the end of 1952, the sport was genuinely alarmed: for the first time, boxing had drawn more money from TV and radio than it had taken in at the box office. There was a sharp drop in attendance at Madison Square Garden, and the IBC's overall receipts dropped from $5,100,000 in 1951 to $4,800,000 in '52. The Friday night fights (mostly from the Garden) on NBC, sponsored by the Gillette Safety Razor Co., did the bulk of the damage, aided and abetted by the Wednesday night fights, sponsored by the Pabst Brewery, on CBS, and the Monday night telecasts of shows from Eastern Parkway Arena over the DuMont network.

ABC, the other major network, entered the field with Saturday night shows beginning January 24, 1953. Bayuk Cigars was the sponsor. From then on, it was boxing, boxing, boxing—so much so that comedian Red Skelton could say that "the Monday night fights, formerly seen on Tuesday nights, will be seen on Wednesday night for this week only. The Wednesday night fights, which have been seen on Thursday, will appear on Saturday, leaving the . . ." The monologue was timely, and well understood by boxing fans and their irate wives, who could not seem to drag their fight-drugged hubbies from the set.

By September, 1954, when TV boxing was at its peak, there were five weekly television boxing shows: two on Monday night (DuMont vs. ABC), one on Wednesday (CBS), Gillette's Cavalcade of Sports on Fridays (NBC), and the Saturday Night Fights (ABC). The situation started to reverse itself in 1955, when CBS dropped boxing after the first sixteen weeks and ABC, which had stopped its Monday telecasts, switched its remaining fight series from Saturdays to Wednesdays. DuMont, which had been on shaky wheels since 1955, went out of business in 1958, leaving the fight game with "only" two network TV shows a week.

The figures speak for themselves: 1954—209 shows; 1955—166; 1956—155; 1957—152; 1958—133; 1959—95. The 1959 figure was made up of 49 Wednesday night shows over ABC and 24 Friday night (Gillette) shows over NBC. In 1960, NBC dropped out, and Gillette shifted its "Cavalcade of Sports" broadcasts to Saturday nights on ABC. The latter network had already dropped its Wednesday night shows.

Boxing was now down to one weekly broadcast—the Gillette Cavalcade of Sports Fight of the Week on Saturday nights over ABC. In 1963, it was shifted to Friday nights, the slot it held until its demise the following year. The Dick Tiger-Don Fullmer 10-rounder from Cleveland on September 11, 1964 marked the end of boxing's "television era." It had lasted, roughly, 14 years.

The next twelve years of the sport are best labeled as the "Ali period." Boxing was, in some respects, a one-man sport. More on that some other time.

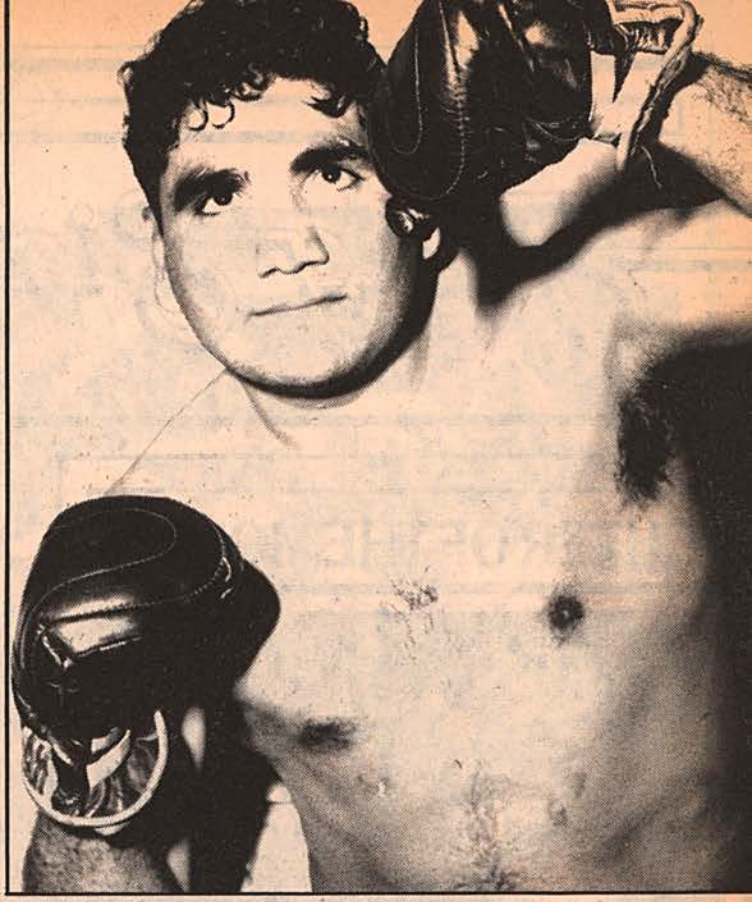
Why did boxing decline on TV? The fatal Emile Griffith-Benny (Kid) Paret fight of March 24, 1962 is often looked at as a factor, but the fact is that the networks had been pulling back from TV long before. The development of other kinds of shows, sponsors who realized that sales to women were more important than sales to the family "breadwinners," and the overall fear of saturation were all factors. Add on greed and strong competitors (Jackie Gleason's CBS variety show was on opposite the Saturday Night Fights), and you can just about sum it up.

While it lasted, TV boxing gave us fine announcer Chris Schenkel for DuMont, Jimmy Powers for the Gillette Cavalcade of Sports, and, of course, the great Don Dunphy, who began as Gillette's commentator over the ABC Radio Network, and then went to television when the Cavalcade of Sports was switched from NBC to ABC-TV.

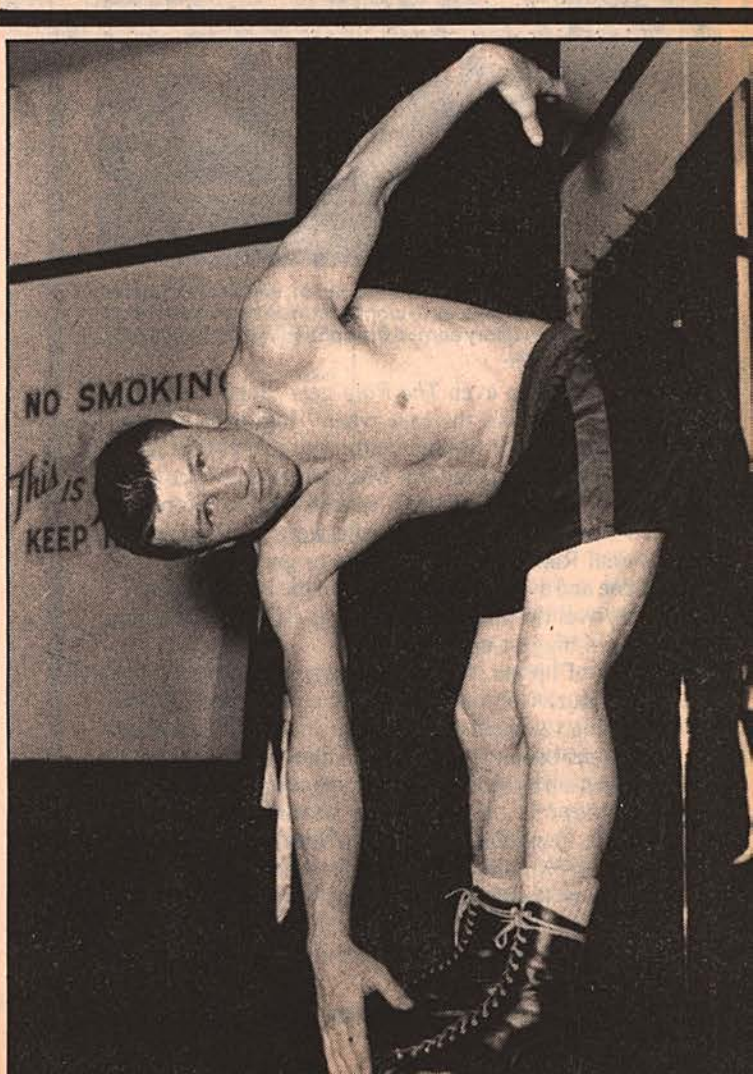
And who can forget the "TV fighters"? Some of them had rather boring styles (More commercials could be squeezed in if the main event went 10 instead of two, thus encouraging the use of fine boxers like Kenny Lane instead of knockout punchers), but what about . . . Sonny Liston, Dick Tiger, Carmen Basilio, Ray Robinson, Milo Savage, Ezzard Charles, Florentino Fernandez, Ruben (Hurricane) Carter, Rocky Rivero . . .

Ah, those were the days.

Some of the fights stunk, but . . . we were young! □



Brawling middleweight Rocky Rivera made numerous appearances on television. He didn't always win, but he always put up a good fight.



Lightweight Kenny Lane was popular with TV producers because his fights usually went the distance, allowing for plenty of commercials.

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FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

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The Ring's *Fighter of the Month, Lonnie Smith, distorts Bill Costello's face with a left hook on his way to eighth-round knockout at Madison Square Garden. The victory earned the unheralded Smith the WBC super lightweight title.*

Every now and then even *The Ring* gets caught with its pants down. Such was the case when **"Lightnin' Lonnie" Smith** won the WBC 140-pound title with an eighth-round knockout over Bill Costello at Madison Square Garden. Smith, who had never fought a ranked fighter before, was not rated among the 17 junior welterweights listed in our International Ratings. Now it's time to give credit where credit is due and award Smith Fighter of the Month honors. His victory over the previously undefeated Costello was one of the year's biggest upsets.

Speaking of upsets, our runner-up spot this month goes to **Lupe Pintor,** who returned to the championship ranks with a thrilling 12-round decision over Juan (Kid) Meza for the WBC super bantamweight title. Although he was considered washed-up by most experts, Lupe rose to the occasion, outlasting Meza in a give-and-take war in Mexico City.

Honorable mentions goes to middleweight **Robbie Sims** for his upset decision over highly ranked Doug DeWitt and **Miguel (Happy) Lora** for outpointing Daniel Zaragoza for the WBC bantamweight crown.

WILLIAMS-FERGUSON

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ— Before it started, "smart" ringsiders wondered how this one got on national TV. After it was over, no one cared. Carl (The Truth) Williams, 213¾, White Plains, TKO'd Jesse (Thunder) Ferguson, 213, Philadelphia, in the tenth and final round of an action packed thriller that, at least from the standpoint of potential vs. realization, could be Fight of the Year.

Well schooled by manager "Bouie" Fisher, Jesse went in planning to neutralize Carl's amazing reach (85") by staying low and inside. But midway through the first, a smashing right buckled Ferguson's knees almost to the floor, and sent his fight plan into confusion. Williams could have ended it right there and sent the packed house at the Atlantis home grumbling—if it weren't for his inability to walk and chew gum. Or, more specifically, practice simultaneous offense and defense. Before the end of the round, Jessee stung him with a left hook, and that set the pattern. Every time Carl got on a roll, he would extend or

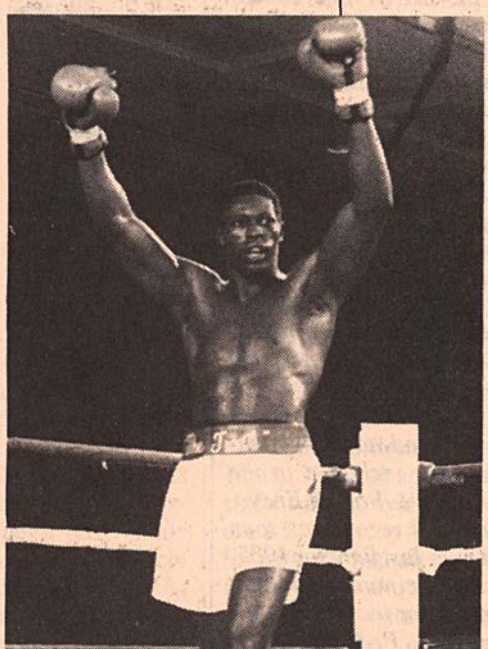


Photo by Pete Goldfield

Carl (The Truth) Williams raises his arms in victory moments after putting a stubborn Jesse (Thunder) Ferguson down and out in the final round of their scheduled 10 in Atlantic City.

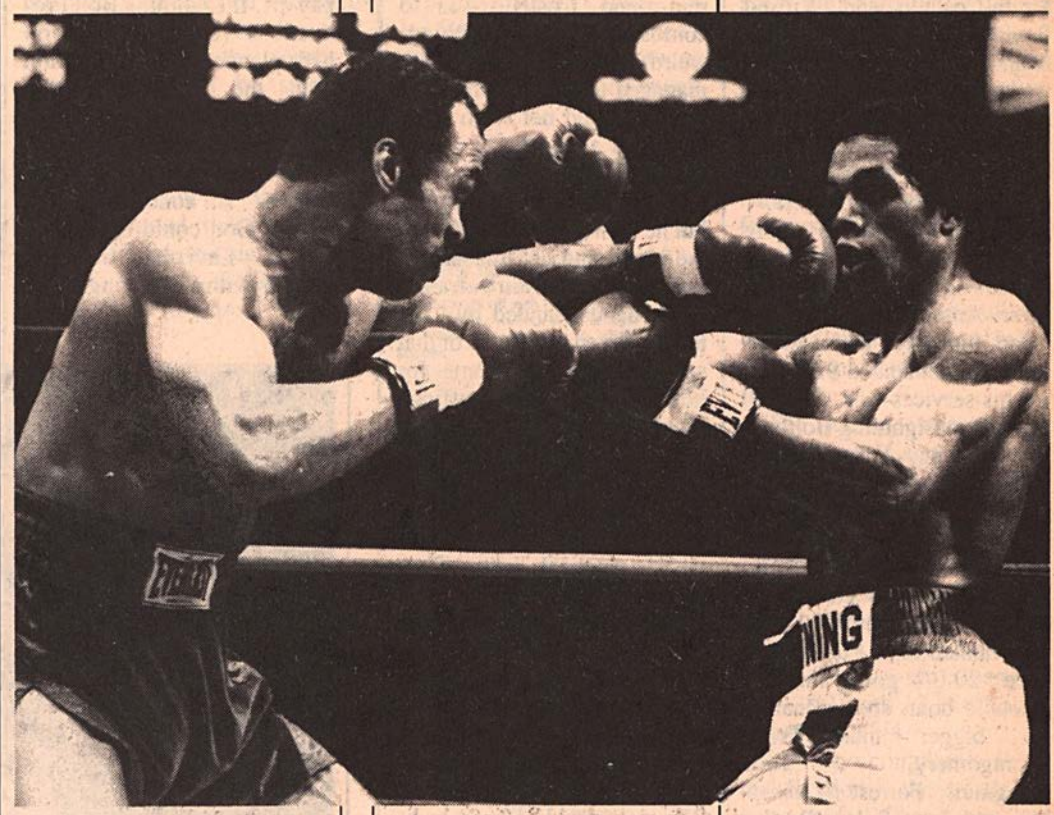
drop those long arms, and a determined Ferguson would crack him with a left hook to send the pendulum gyrating back the other way. Williams' trainer, Carmine Graziano, admitted afterward, "When he took offense, he lost complete defense."

He nearly lost the whole fight in the sensational third. The Truth answered an ambitious Ferguson attack with a sharp one-two that sent Thunder sagging into the ropes and scrambling for the safety of his own corner, where he propped himself to conserve his rickety legs. With The Truth applying a heavy dose of reality, everyone in the house thought Jesse was gone but the courageous fighter himself. Lashing out with a booming left hook, Ferguson sent a surprised Williams tottering backward like a honeybear experiencing his first sting. Quickly shifting gears, Jesse charged after him and drilled him to the canvas with another left hook. As graceless on defense as he is smooth on offense, Williams had to turn and run to survive, before regrouping to fire back late in the round.

Carl looked sharp in the fourth, punishing Ferguson with snappy one-twos, but when he went for the finisher in the fifth, he was again met by a roundhouse left hook that sat him on the floor. Williams arose protesting a slip, but the pattern was repeated through the next three rounds, though without any more visits to the floor.

Although leading comfortably on the cards, Williams finally got back to finishing in the last two what he'd started in the first. Thunder had lost all power, and The Truth was practicing Graziano's "specificity of attack" method, along with some tricks he might have gotten from Holmes. Ferguson complained Carl had been riding his neck all day, quashing Jesse's body attack. And in the ninth, Jesse claimed a jab had turned into a thumb. Ferguson's plan completely fell apart after that, and he began circling helplessly until a crushing right felled him just before the bell. In the tenth, Williams went purposefully to the body, then crossed the right, and Jesse dropped on his face. Ref Larry Hazzard signaled it over at 0:37. Judges Phil Newman and Thomas Kaczmarek had Carl ahead 7-2, and Frank Brunette 6-3.

Any fight can be analyzed from two viewpoints: action and skill. This one had plenty of the former, but was short on the latter. At least the fighters seemed to realize this. Ferguson: "I'll . . . do what my trainer tells me to do next time. I was *trying* to do what he told me, but I didn't do *exactly* what he told me, and it cost me." Williams: "You seen me dig deep today! Unfortunately, I happen to be a sucker for those (left hooks). I'll go back to school, and I won't be getting hit with those anymore."



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The strange style of Lonnie Smith (right) had defending champion Bill Costello off-stride and missing most of the night. When Smith wasn't confusing Costello, he was knocking him down. Bill hit the deck five times before finally being kayoed 2:31 into the eighth.

Georgie Brooks, 143, formerly Lancaster, Pa., now Malaga, NJ, sent home Edwin "E.T." Thomas, 142¼, Phila., knocking him out of the ring at 1:23 of an explosive first round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Donald Smith, 172, Trinidad via Hartfor, laid down the law to Edward (Bennett) Williams, 172¾, Camden, putting him out on his feet, with a standing eight, at 1:24 of the second in a scheduled four. Ted Pick, referee.

Ray Velez, 140½, New York and William Scott, 139, Brooklyn, fought to a majority draw, four. Velez showed no chin, and blew the win when he was rocked badly late in the final round. Larry Hazzard, referee.

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Attendance—1,500 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
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(08-31-85)

J.R. JOWETT

SMITH-COSTELLO
WBC Super Lightweight Title

NEW YORK—A total of 3,847 people saw Lonnie Smith make a monkey out of Bill Costello in Madison Square Garden. That is quite a trick. One wonders if Smith made any people disappear before the evening started. Less than 4,000 attendees, in a place that can hold almost 20,000, is a sad, sad story written in red ink.

This was going to be a *big* card, with former world middleweight champion Vito Antuofermo going against Brazil's Francisco DeJesus and, possibly, all-time great triple champ Alexis Arguello squaring off with ex-WBC

super lightweight king Saoul Mamby in addition to the Smith-Costello and Wilfred Benitez-Kevin Moley pairings. One had the feeling it was too good to be true, even for Lightning Bolt Productions, Inc., the poor, misguided group from Denver that promoted this disaster.

Arguello, needing more time to prepare himself, turned down the Lightning offer. Antuofermo, who considers himself a major drawing card, demanded $100,000 for his services—or, $90,000 more than Lightning Bolt was willing to pay. When the dust had cleared, it was just Smith-Costello and Benitez-Moley.

Smith, despite a half dozen wins down in Atlantic City, was unknown to New York sports fans. The WBC had him ranked ninth, but his record, 20-0-1 going into the Costello bout, sported names no bigger than Frank Montgomery, Todd Longmuir, Forrest Winchester, and Joey Soler. Boxing people who had seen him in Atlantic City said that he was good, and everybody knew he was fast. Why else would he call himself "Lightning Lonnie" Smith?

"You might see an upset here," some wise fight experts said before the contest. The first round, however, looked like it was from the script that most people expected. Costello, the aggressor, caught Smith with a straight left and a right for a quick knockdown. The second round, however, was a great surprise.

Smith, 138½, circling with a far-out look on his face, scored with a right hand. Costello, also 138½, countered, and the challenger went back to moving. Lonnie seemed to be in a strange world of his own—moving in a manner that did not square with the "circle to your left and jab" school taught in the poshest east side gyms. He even looked down on occasion. By mid-round, Costello was so confused that a clubbing, weird right thrown by Smith managed to knock him to the canvas. It did not seem to be that hard a punch. It wasn't that soft, either.

A left dropped Bill again, but he managed to get through the round and get himself together for the third frame. Right hands, landed by Costello in the early portion of that session, won the frame for him on two of the official scorecards. A body attack also won the fourth round for Costello, and some fans began to think the second frame had been nothing more than a weird practical joke. Then came the fifth canto.

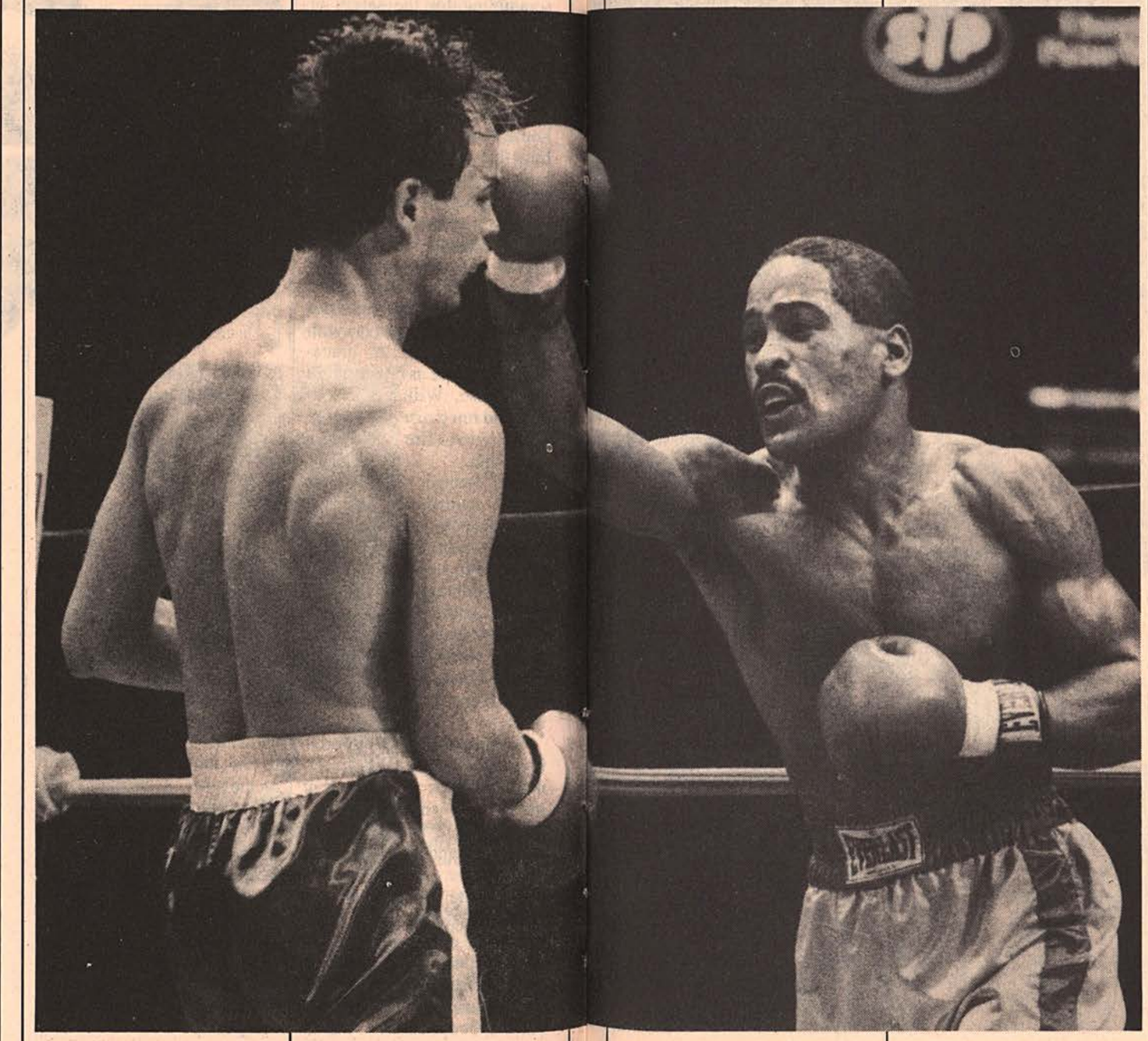
A left, much harder than the ones landed in round two, toppled the champ once again. Costello was hurt badly, but he managed to last out the session. Amazingly, he won the sixth round on all scorecards. The right hand seemed to be Bill's only hope, but . . . Lonnie Smith seemed to be crazy. He kept gazing at the canvas with a dazed, incredulous look on his face and moving in a way that no fighter in recent memory had done. Then, just at the wrong (right) time, he would throw a punch. It was incredible, and beautiful, and joyful.

A left-right to the body dropped Costello in round seven, but referee Luis Rivera did not call it a knockdown. The champ landed a good right as the frame ended, but it was his last hurrah. A dazzling display of Smith jabs, left hooks, and two right crosses knocked Costello down again in the eighth round. Now it was just a matter of time. Seconds later, a left and a ferociously hard right put him down for good in 2:31.

Harlan Alonzo ("Lightning Lonnie") Smith had patterned his style after Jersey Joe Walcott, added a heavy dose of his own talent, and made it pay off. If Lightning Bolt Productions (Lonnie's backers) had planned this promotion with the intelligence that Smith had planned his fight, they might have made a profit.

As far as promoting at the Garden is concerned . . . maybe God could do it if he put on Leviathan vs. Behemoth with a $100 ringside.

Former triple champion Wilfred Benitez (right) recovered from a first round knockdown to win a unanimous 10-round decision over previously unbeaten Kevin Moley.



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BENITEZ-MOLEY

The main support to Smith-Costello saw former world welterweight and WBC super welterweight champion Wilfred Benitez, 154, climb back from a flash knockdown in round one to win a convincing unanimous decision over Kevin Moley, 157, Selden, New York, 10.

Benitez, moving, jabbing, and bobbing his head, kept the previously undefeated Moley off balance from round two on. Kevin won the fourth round, in which he stung Wilfred with a hard right, but Benitez took every frame from there on—countering, picking, and fighting off the ropes when the mood took him.

The official scoring was as follows: George DeGabriel, 8-2; Bernie Friedkin, 7-3 (7-4 in points); Simon Ramos, 7-3. Joe Cortez, referee. Benitez is now 48-4-1 with 28 kayoes. Moley is 22-1 with 19 knockouts.

Former WBC super lightweight champion Saoul Mamby, 143, New York, TKO'd Harold Mobley, also 143, Chicago, at 2:55 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Mamby, who survived a first round blitz, is now 36-16-5 with 16 stoppage wins.

Reyes Cruz, 141, Santo Domingo, D.R., battered Billy Famous, 139½, Lagos, Nigeria, without mercy until referee Joe Cortez finally called things off with three seconds left in the 10th and final round. Cruz is now 28-0 with 18 knockouts. Famous is 27-5-1 with 22 kayoes.

Vinnie Costello, 131, Kingston, N.Y., opened the show with a TKO over Larry Highsmith, 129½, Trenton, N.J., at 2:53 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. John LoBianco, referee. Costello is now 16-1 with five stoppages. Highsmith is 7-4-1 with four kayoes.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Ron Scott Stevens.
Lightning Bolt Productions, Inc.
(08-21-85)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

CHANG-MONTIEL
WBC Light Flyweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA—Jung-Koo Chang, 108, the "Korean Hawk," successfully defended the World Boxing Council light flyweight title for the seventh time with a lopsided 12-round unanimous decision over Mexico's Francisco Montiel, 106¼, in Munhwa Gymnasium.

Montiel had scored 14 of his 18 wins by kayo, but he must have left his fighting spirit in Mexico. He was cautious against Chang, and looked overpowered.

Chang himself was cautious at the start of the first round, but he soon began to throw his favorite combo to the face. The champ was in command for the first five rounds, almost knocking Montiel out of the ring in the fifth session.

The circling Montiel narrowly took the sixth and ninth rounds via counterpunches. The eighth and 10th sessions belonged to the Korean, who pinned the challenger to the ropes in the eighth round and connected with solid body shots and hard blows to the face.

Chang repeatedly charged Montiel, head first—and often grabbed the challenger before he could begin retailiations. Referee Chuck Hassett had a hard job of separating the fighters. He finally took a point away from the champion for butting in round 11.

Aware that he was trailing, the Mexican fought hard in the last two rounds. But it was too late.

The scoring was ridiculously close. Larry Nadayag (Philippines) carded 117-113, Kazumasa Kuwata (Japan) scored it 116-113, and Cliff Heaver (Australia), turned in an astounding 114-113. The crowd jeered when Heaver's scoring was announced.

The 22-year-old Chang is now 28-1 with 12 knockouts. Montiel is 18-4.

"I've no complaints about the decision," the crestfallen loser said. "Chang was just too strong for me."

The ratings for the telecast of the fight were at least 65%, and Chang was the guest of Korean president Do-Hwan Chun the following day. Boxing is very popular in Korea.

And so is Jung-Koo Chang.

World Promotions.
KBS TV.
(08-04-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

OLIVO-CHOI
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA—Joey Olivo, 107¾, retained his WBA junior flyweight crown with a close but unanimous decision over challenger Moon-Jin Choi, 107½, after 15 rounds of what Korean experts described as the dullest world title fight ever seen in

Korea.

The 5′8″ Olivo stayed on his bicycle throughout the contest, and Choi, a flat-footed infighter, seemed content to throw an occasional left hook to the face. The crowd at Munhwa Gymnasium booed the proceedings, and Choi's manager, former Oriental junior lightweight champion Hyun-Chi Kim, urged his man to press the attack—in vain.

The lack of action made the contest difficult to score.

Olivo sped things up a little in the 10th and 11th, making good use of his left. Choi began to mount an attack in the 12th, but he was wild. The Korean almost caught Olivo with a desperate attack in round 14, but that was as close as he came to pulling an upset.

The official scoresheets were as follows: referee Luis Sulbaran (Venezuela), 147-145; judges Medaros Villalobos (Panama) and Cesar Ramos (Puerto Rico), both 146-142.

Olivo, piloted by Rudy Tellez, is now 36-4 with 11 knockouts. Choi, who had reentered the WBA's top 10 with a revenge unanimous decision over fellow countryman Oh-Kong Song, is 22-4-2 with five kayoes.

Olivo had reportedly received just $3,000 when he won the title from Francisco Quiroz in Miami, so this defense against the mediocre Choi was strictly for the money—reportedly $80,000, including training expenses.

Dong-A Promotions.
MBC-TV.
(07-28-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

GALAXY-ORONO

WBA Junior Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Southpaw Kaosai Galaxy, 115, retained his WBA junior bantamweight title with an impressive TKO victory over former two-time WBC super flyweight king Rafael Orono, 114, at 0:59 of the fifth round in a scheduled 15 at Rajadamnern Stadium.

The Venezuelan got off to a good start, winning the first session via stinging lefts and periodic rights. The second round followed the same pattern, but the 5′4″ Galaxy (three inches shorter than the challenger) weaved and ducked incessantly in an attempt to get inside, and finally rocked Orono with a solid left.

The third round saw Galaxy on the attack. Orono tried to keep him at bay with his jab, but the champ drove him to a corner and threw solid lefts and rights. The Venezuelan retaliated with strong body blows, but the Thai was more than willing to mix it.

That was the turning point. Galaxy kept up his attack in round four, catching the challenger with a solid left to the solar plexus and following up with right hooks to the face. Orono managed to retreat, but the champ remained in firm command.

The fifth round saw Galaxy score with several good combos before connecting with his specialty—a left to the midsection. Orono went down to one knee. He beat the count, but the champ was all over him, scoring another knockdown with a wicked left to the head. Orono rose again, but the Thai's combos had him reeling, and Puerto Rican referee Fernando Viso stopped the bout.

The scoring after round four was as follows: Viso, 38-38; judge Harold Lederman (U.S.), 39-37, Orono; Bernardo Soto (U.S.), 38-38, Galaxy.

Galaxy was jubilant. "I had trouble making the weight, but I gained enough energy by eating breakfast after the weigh-in. Orono threw hard punches, but I wasn't hurt. I was happy, because I learned that I could take his best shots. And that gave me the courage to win."

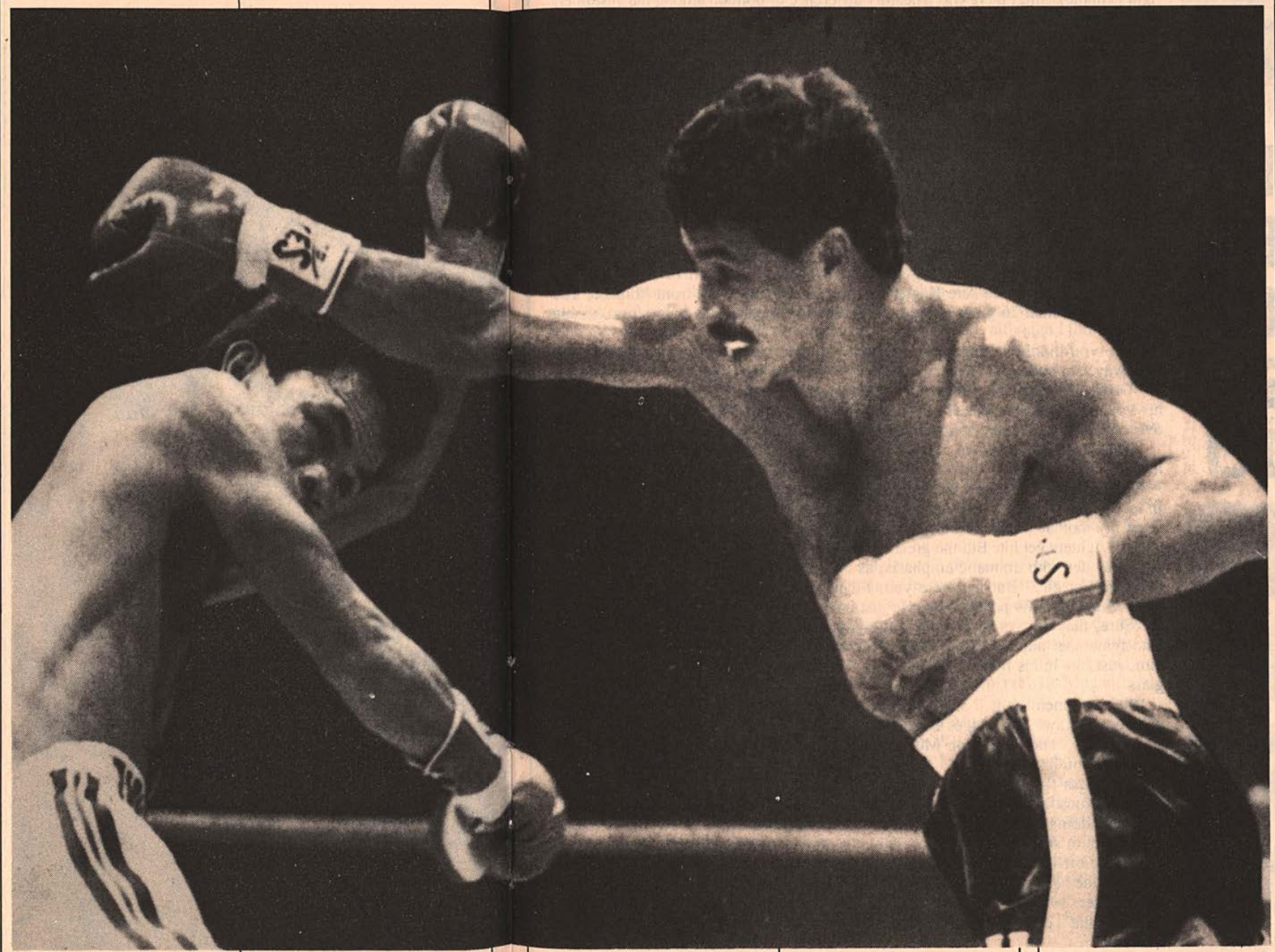
The muscular Galaxy is now 28-1 with 26 kayoes. Orono is 29-3-1 with 16 knockouts.

"Kaosai will now go to Indonesia and face Int. Boxing Federation champion Elly Pical. We've lost money in promoting title bouts in Thailand, so we'll go abroad and earn *good* money."

Galaxy was considered just a flat footed puncher, but this fine win has revised that opinion. The WBA junior bantamweight champion is a good fighter, and may even become great.

WBA witnesses—Gilbert Mendoza (Venezuela), Alberto Aleman (Panama).
(07-17-85)

JOE KOIZUMI



Colombian Miguel (Happy) Lora throws a right hand at defending WBC bantamweight champion Daniel Zaragoza during their 12-rounder in Miami. Lora floored the Mexican three times to win a unanimous decision and the title.

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LORA-ZARAGOZA

WBC Bantamweight Title

MIAMI, FLA.—Miguel (Happy) Lora had a happy night winning practically every round of his WBC bantamweight title bout with defending champion Daniel Zaragoza. It was a happy night for his fellow Colombians as well. The bout took place before a capacity crowd at the new Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium.

Lora, 118, showed fast footwork in the first three rounds, as well as a fine jab. He floored the southpaw Zaragoza, also 118, in the fourth round with a solid right and stayed on top to drop him twice more in the fifth. A terrific left hook to the body accounted for the last knockdown.

Zaragoza surprised everyone by pressing Lora at the start of the sixth canto. Lora sidestepped and hit Zaragoza with quick combos. The defending champion looked like a beaten fighter from the ninth round on, blood streaming from a cut near his left optic.

Scoring: Miguel Donate (Puerto Rico), 118-107; Tony Castellano (New York), 116-109; Lou Filipo (California), 115-110. Lora is now 23-0. Zaragoza is 28-3. Tony Perez, referee.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 119½, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Osvaldo Acevedo, also 119½, Colombia, at 2:05 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Referee Eddie Eckert called a halt when Acevedo was on the receiving end of some nasty right uppercuts. Vasquez is now 27-1-1.

Rafael Cabrera, 114½, Dominican Republic, won a technical decision over Gilbert Sosa, 118, Mexico, in their scheduled 10. The fighters clashed heads in round five with Cabrera ahead on all three scorecards. Harry Brennan, referee.

Jose Muriel, 112½, Puerto Rico, won a majority decision over Jesse Williams, 115¼, Orlando, Fla., six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Don King Productions/Chi Chi Promotions.
Matchmaker—Tito Zabala.
Attendance—3,600 (estimated).
(08-09-85)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

"THE RING" PREVIEWS THE BIG FIGHT

HAGLER-MUGABI . . . THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

BY NIGEL COLLINS

AS THE MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER-JOHN (THE BEAST) MUGABI FRACAS rapidly approaches, it has become increasingly obvious that the match's main appeal is the prospect of some major league blood-letting. This is hardly a bout that will stir the souls of those among us who enjoy boxing's subtle side. No, the big turn-on is the fact that Marvelous Marvin, the demigod of "destruct and destroy," will be swapping leather with a mean-looking dude who has iced each and every one of his 26 professional opponents. Violence freaks; this one's for you.

The tempestuous nature of the upcoming Hagler-Mugabi fight was reinforced for me during a recent visit to my local watering hole. As is often the case when a big fight is in the offing, there was a healthy difference of opinion among the customers regarding the outcome of the impending brawl. One of the most lively debates was between Benny the bartender and South Street Slim, a regular who had reportedly dropped a bundle on the Hagler-Hearns blowout. Always on the lookout for some inside information, I decided to do a little eavesdropping.

"I tell ya, Mugabi is gonna cream Hagler," said Slim, pushing his glass forward for a refill. "Look at how many punches Hearns nailed him with. And remember, Mugabi can punch twice as hard as Hearns."

"What makes you think Hagler is gonna fight Mugabi the same way he fought Hearns?" countered Benny.

"What else is he gonna do? Dance for 15 rounds," scoffed Slim.

"Don't be such a meathead," replied Benny, a look of smug superiority crossing his face. "Hagler will circle and box Mugabi the first five or six rounds, gradually wearing him down with counters. Then, when Mugabi is tired and frustrated from doing all that swinging and missing, Marvin will open up and it will be all over."

"What makes you so sure Hagler will be able to stay away from Mugabi? The Beast has starched 26 guys in a row. And they all tried to stay away from his big punch."

"Are you kiddin'? Mugabi is a clumsy oaf. He has trouble getting out of his own way. An awkward fighter like him could never tag Hagler."

"Oh yeah! What about that guy from Argentina, Juan Roldan?" retorted Slim, his voice rising above the din emananting from the jukebox. "He practically fell over his own feet a couple of times, but he still put the mighty Hagler on his ass."

"That was no knockdown. Hagler was off balance and tripped. Everybody knows that."

"Maybe so, but Roldan hit him more than once, especially in the early going. In fact, since that one-round farce against Caveman Lee, everybody has hit Hagler. Even my mother-in-law could tag him with a few before she ran out of gas."

"All fighters get hit. But the great ones—like Hagler—always come back," said the bartender with dramatic emphasis, as if his last statement had settled the issue once and for all. "But if I were you, I'd be worried about Mugabi's chin. Hard Rock Green had his pajamas on. He just couldn't get him to go to bed."

"Sure, they always come back if the guy hitting them isn't much of a puncher. And remember another thing. Hagler has trouble with guys who take the fight to him. Just like in his first fight with Vito Antuofermo?" laughed Slim, draining his glass.

"Sure I remember it," snapped Benny. "Marvin beat the crap out of Vito and only got a draw. The judges have never liked Hagler. One nut even had Hearns ahead. That's another reason Mugabi is in big trouble. Marvin knows the judges won't do him any favors."

"He doesn't deserve any favors. He's been the champion long enough. How many millions has he made? It's time for someone else to make some money. Jeez, he's even doing pizza commercials now. I bet Hagler's head is so swollen he needs two razors to shave it."

"Come off it. Hagler is the last fighter to let success get the better of him. He came up the hard way. Like Marvin himself says, he's a champion who fights like a contender."

"And that's exactly what he's gonna be after The Beast is finished with him—a contender."

"Now you're just being a smart ass. Hagler has more talent in his baby finger than Mugabi has in his entire *junior middleweight* body."

"Don't give me that junior middleweight stuff. Mugabi stiffened Curtis Parker and Frank Fletcher. And both of them were full-fledged 160-pounders."

"So what? Fletcher was a basketcase by then and Parker always loses his big fights."

"All right, all right. Let's not get bogged down going over the record book," said Slim. "I wanna talk about one important factor you keep ignoring."

"What's that?"

"The fact that your so-called Marvelous Marvin bleeds like a stuck pig every time he fights. If Mugabi doesn't flatten him, the doctor will have to stop it before he bleeds to death. It probably would have happened in the Hearns fight if it had lasted much longer."

"I have to admit that I'd worry about Marvin losing that way if he was just an ordinary fighter. But you know what he says about being turned-on by the sight of blood. He says it brings out the bull in him."

"I know one thing for sure, this conversation sure brings out the bull in you."

"Well, I'll tell you something that isn't bull: Marvin Hagler is in a class by himself. This Mugabi can't even carry his gym bag. The only problem Hagler has is that he's running out of opponents—worthy opponents."

"You know Benny, I can't figure you. If you're so sure this is gonna be a mismatch, why are you spending all that money you make pouring shots and beers flying out to Vegas for the fight?"

"That's the first intelligent question you've asked, Slim. And I'm gonna level with you. To me, there's nothing more exciting than watching two come-to-fight guys go to war. I'll give Mugabi that much. He comes to fight. And I won't quibble about his punching power. He can really bring 'em. In fact, although I think Hagler will damn near murder him, it should be a helluva rumble while it lasts."

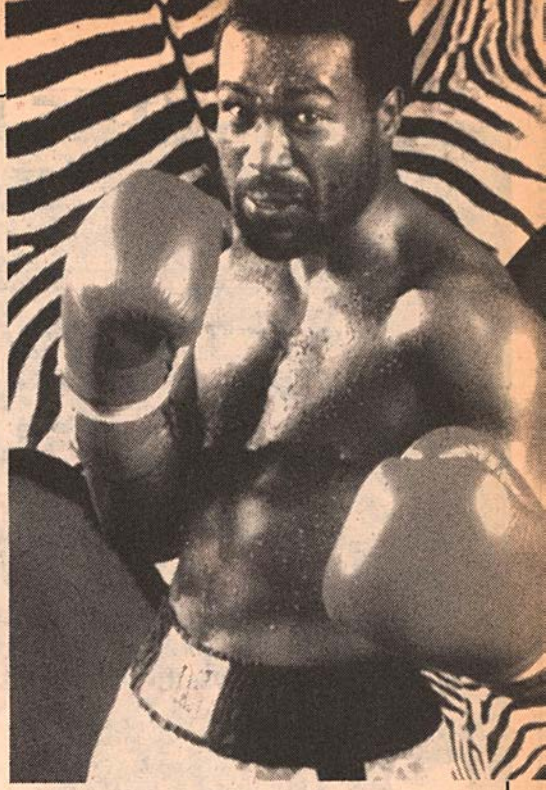
It was at this juncture that I was forced to take a temporary leave. My kidneys were calling and a stroll down the hallway was in order. By the time I returned, the debate was over. Slim had departed for parts unknown and Benny was busy catching up with his neglected patrons. But as I walked home, I couldn't help running some of their comments through my mind.

If past performances are any indication, Mugabi does appear wide open to Hagler's precision punching. The Ugandan strongman also has a bad habit of freezing when his opponent punches, waiting for the flurry to cease before returning the fire. So far, this flaw has made little difference, but against Hagler it could prove fatal. Once Marvin zeroes in on his target, he seldom eases up.

Benny was also correct guessing that Hagler will probably fight a much more patient fight against Mugabi than he did against Hearns. Versatility has always been one of Hagler's strengths. But when it comes to cuts, Slim had a telling point to make. When the Hearns fight was temporarily halted to allow the ringside doctor to check Hagler's wounds, Marvin admitted he was worried. Consequently, he threw his attack into high gear in order to get matters over with as quickly as possible. At a time like this, Hagler would certainly be vulnerable to Mugabi's big guns.

As Slim and Benny would readily attest, Hagler-Mugabi is a "fan's" fight. Technically, if you want to string along with the WBA, both James Shuler and James Kinchen should get a crack at Hagler before Mugabi. But who wants to be allied with the WBA? Although there has been some bellyaching from Kinchen and his camp, I haven't heard a single fan say he'd rather see Hagler fight Shuler . . . or Kinchen for that matter. Let the court cases fall where they may, Hagler-Mugabi is the fight the paying public, the ones who pay the freight, want to see.

As far as predictions go, like most wise men, I'll take my bartender's advice. Hagler will win inside the distance. But before it's over, we should be treated to another delicious dose of that special brand of mayhem that makes Marvelous Marvin Hagler the world's highest paid athlete. In other words, it won't be pretty. □



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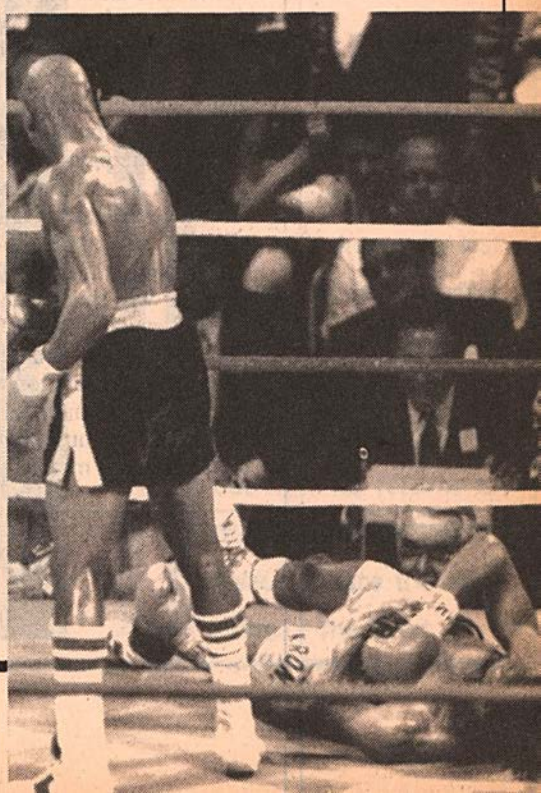
Above: John (The Beast) Mugabi strikes the sort of pose that has helped enhance his image as a fearsome destroyer. His 26 straight knockouts haven't hurt either.

Below: Marvelous Marvin Hagler surveys his handiwork after flooring Thomas Hearns in the third round of their thriller. Marvin will be hard pressed to top his performance against the Hit Man, but you can bet the rent money he'll try.



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"THE RING" PREVIEWS THE BIG FIGHT

THERE'S MORE AT STAKE THAN JUST THE MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

"I look at Larry Holmes and some of the others, and I say to myself, 'Marvin, it's you. You're boxing right now.' "
. . . Marvelous Marvin Hagler, April 16, 1985

JOHN (THE BEAST) MUGABI WILL NOT BE THE ONLY CHALLENGE FACING Marvelous Marvin Hagler when he steps into the ring on November 14th in Las Vegas. While the undefeated knockout artist from Uganda will test Marvin's fighting ability, the overall success—or failure—of the promotion will go a long way towards determining Hagler's true box office value. Although the gross receipts for his third round kayo over Hearns were the third largest in boxing history, before the opening bell that fight was perceived as a toss-up. This fight is an entirely different kettle of fish. While the combination of his knockout record and colorful nickname make Mugabi the most attractive opponent available at the moment, few pick him to win. This, however, doesn't necessarily mean that the fight won't draw well.

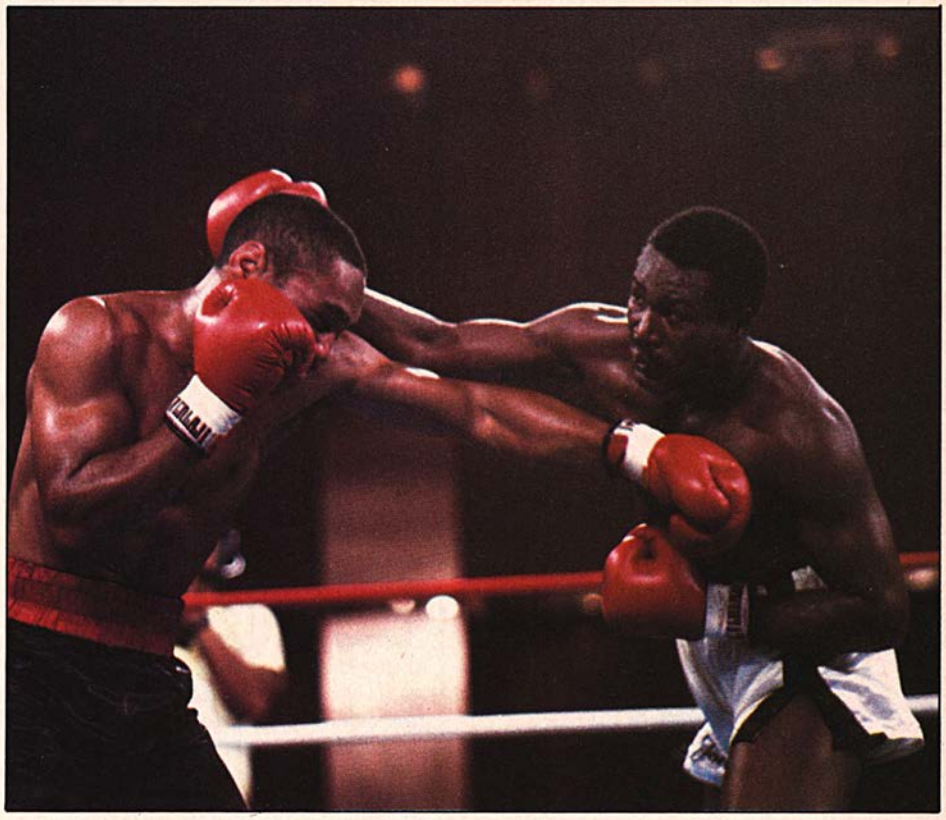
Throughout boxing history a select handful of fighters had the ability to attract fans regardless of who they were fighting. Two good examples of this phenomenon are Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard. The Mugabi fight should ascertain whether or not Hagler has achieved that same level of popularity.

Of course, the amount of money entailed in the upcoming Hagler-Mugabi match is nowhere near the sum involved in Hagler-Hearns. According to promoter Bob Arum, he only needs approximately a third of the closed circuit and pay-per-view revenue generated by the Hagler-Hearns fight to turn a profit on this one. That's chiefly because the combined purses for all four fighters (Hagler, Mugabi, Hearns and Shuler) are less than 50% of the jackpot Hagler and Hearns shared. Nevertheless, it is always a promotional gamble when the majority of the income depends on the whim of the paying public, as opposed to a guaranteed television fee.

Hagler is certainly enjoying the greatest popularity of his lengthy career. His knockout of Hearns underlined his claim as one of the greatest middleweights of all time. His appeal has also been enhanced by several television commercials, making him a familiar face even to viewers who have never seen him fight. If ever the time was ripe to cash in on his tremendous ability, it's now.

Hard-core fight fans will always support a good match, but it is the "fringe" fans, those who only turn out when a fight becomes a "happening," who can transform a promotion depending on close circuit and pay-per-view revenue into a gold mine. In many respects, the current health of the boxing industry will be gauged by the number of fans willing to pay to witness Hagler defend his trio of belts against a man known as The Beast. □

John "The Beast" Mugabi (right) shows the kind of all-out attack that has carried him to 26 consecutive knockout victories. The victim here is Bill Bradley, who was stopped in four rounds in Atlantic City. It was Mugabi's last outing prior to meeting Hagler.



Hagler and Hearns go eyeball-to-eyeball during their epic encounter last April in Las Vegas. Hagler has been resting on his well-deserved laurels since icing the Hit Man, but now he returns to the same ring at Caesars Palace to face the challenge of The Beast.

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES☆ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
6. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
7. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
9. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
10. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad 12. Tony Tucker 13. James Smith 14. Frank Bruno 15. Eddie Gregg 16. Marvis Frazier 17. Jeff Sims 18. Mitchell Green 19. Jesse Ferguson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONZO RATLIFF** ..... Chicago, Ill.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
5. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
8. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
9. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Rickey Parkey** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Henry Hearns 12. Boone Pultz 13. Bernard Benton 14. Chisanda Mutti 15. David Pearce.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* **☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad** ..... Ghana
3. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
6. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
7. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
8. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
9. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
10. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad

11. Grover Robinson 12. Clarence Osby 13. Fulgencio Obelmejias 14. Tim Broady 15. Evander Holyfield 16. Alex Blanchard

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Herol Graham** ..... England
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
7. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
8. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea

11. Mustafa Hamsho 12. John Collins 13. Dwight Davison 14. Curtis Parker 15. Murray Sutherland 16. Alex Ramos 17. Mark Holmes 18. Iran Barkley.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos☆** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Darnell Knox 12. Lindell Holmes 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Robert Hines 16. Earl Hargrove 17. Troy Darrell.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*☆** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
7. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England
8. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
9. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
10. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.

11. Marlon Starling 12. Horace Shufford 13. Carlos Trujillo 14. Herman Montes 15. Pedro Vilella 16. Jorge Vaca.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Bill Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Aaron Pryor☆** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Leroy Haley 14. Reyes Cruz 15. Brian Baronet 16. Joe Louis Manley 17. Hugo Hernandez 18. Saul Julio 19. Eung-Shik Kim 20. Clinton McKenzie.

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Ratings as of Sept. 11, 1985

*** WBA CHAMPION**
**** WBC CHAMPION**
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
9. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
10. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Howard Davis, Jr. 12. Bobby Chacon 13. Robin Blake 14. Rene Weller 15. Pernell Whitaker 16. Nelson Bolanos.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
6. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
8. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
9. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana
10. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil

11. Refugio Rojas 12. Jean Marc Renard 13. Dennis Cruz 14. Ruben Castillo 15. Barry Michael 16. Tae-Jin Moon 17. Lester Ellis 18. Edgar Castro.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8. **Min-Keun Oh☆** ..... Korea
9. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
10. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Savage 12. Jorge Lujan 13. Sergio Zambrano 14. Irving Mitchell 15. Tyrone Jackson 16. Lupe Suarez 17. Juan Antonio Lopez 18. Tommy Cordova 19. Dana Roston 20. Juvenal Ordenes.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Lupe Pintor**** ..... Mexico
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles
10. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas

11. Seung-Hoon Lee 12. Mike Ayala 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Tommy Valoy 15. Ramon Dominguez 16. Bernardo Pinango 17. Yun-Kap Choi 18. Samart Payakaroon 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

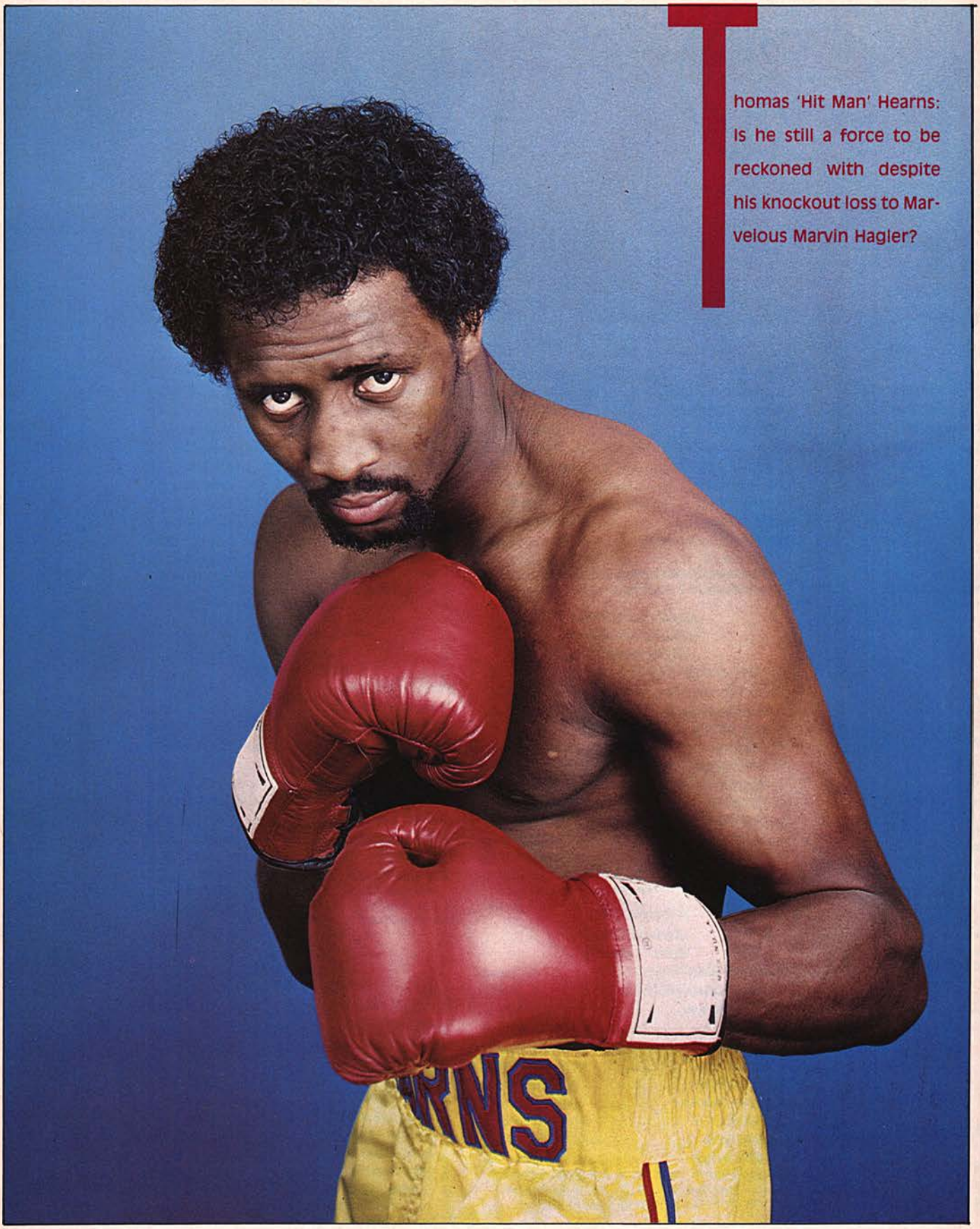
RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
5. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
6. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
7. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
8. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
9. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
10. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Hurley Snead 12. Elly Pical 13. Santos Laciar 14. Cardenio Ulloa 15. Chan-Young Park 16. Kazuo Katsuma 17. Jeff Fenech 18. Lucio Lopez 19. Jose Chacon 20. Benito Badilla.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
6. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
8. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
10. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Freddie Castillo 12. Isidro Perez 13. Antoine Montero 14. Jorge Cano 15. Soon-Chun Kwon 16. German Torres 17. Prudencio Cardona 18. Francisco Montiel 19. Reinaldo Becerra 20. Javier Lucas.



Thomas 'Hit Man' Hearns: Is he still a force to be reckoned with despite his knockout loss to Marvelous Marvin Hagler?

Photo by Chris Cuellar

HEARNS RETURNS

CAN THE "HIT MAN" PUT HIS LOSS TO HAGLER BEHIND HIM AND PICK UP THE PIECES AGAINST JAMES SHULER?

THE MOMENT HE FELL FROM THE ACcumulative effect of Marvelous Marvin Hagler's blows, it was obvious that Thomas (Hit Man) Hearns was through for the night—and possibly forever. As Hearns lay on the canvas, arms outstretched, eyes closed, torso smeared with his and Hagler's blood, he looked precariously close to death. Although he somehow managed to totter to his feet at the count of nine and into the rescuing arms of referee Richard Steele, it was an uncompromising defeat, the sort that can dent a fighter's psyche as much as his physique.

It was only the second time in his 42 bout professional career that Hearns had been forced to concede defeat. It was obviously a difficult moment for him. But Tommy has always been a classy guy, and he proved as gracious in defeat as he had so often been in victory. Although still suffering from the effects of his ordeal in the ring, Hearns made one thing perfectly clear during his post-fight comments to the press—he would be back.

Now, six months later, the "Hit Man" is ready to plunge into combat once again. Often, when a figher suffers a severe setback such as Hearns' third round knockout loss to Hagler, he will ease his way back into the winning groove with a confidence builder against modest opposition. But Hearns isn't going that route. Instead, he will be tackling undefeated James Shuler, one of the middleweight ranks' toughest young turks, on the Hagler-Mugabi undercard. It would not be considered an easy fight at the best of times, but coming off the most devastating loss of his career, Hearns faces a major hurdle, one that will go a long way in determining his future as a professional fist fighter.

On the surface, Hearns should still have enough left to handle the relatively inexperienced Shuler. So far, Tommy's losses have come against two of the greatest fighters of the decade. Although Shuler's true worth has yet to be determined, he certainly can't be considered in the same league with Hagler or Sugar Ray Leonard.

Perhaps Hearns' greatest difficulty will come from within. Following his 1981 TKO loss to Leonard, Tommy underwent an identity crisis. He seemed to lose a certain amount of confidence in himself. While he continued to win, his knockout percentage dipped and the deadly "Hit Man" was replaced by the equally effective, but far less exciting "Motor City Cobra." It wasn't until his blitz of a fading Roberto Duran that the "Hit Man" reemerged. The psychological aftermath of his loss to Hagler—if any—will not be fully known until after the Shuler fight, but, going into the match, it has to be considered a major factor.

Another question mark is Hearns' troublesome right hand. Tommy's power hand has been a source of trouble for a number of years, sidelining him for most of 1983. The fist held up while bouncing off the heads of Duran and Fred Hutchings, only to come undone again against the shaven skull of Marvelous Marv. Hearns' camp has assured everyone that his hand is now fully healed, but we've heard that before. The human hand was not designed for punching, and once a fighter begins to suffer from this sort of problem, it is usually chronic.

FOR SHULER THIS IS THE PROVERBIAL golden opportunity. He has a chance to catch a big name fighter on the way down, thereby establishing himself as a gate attraction. He is both talented and hungry, eager to prove he belongs among boxing's big money earners. As both the WBA and WBC top contender, James could have pressed his claim for the next shot at Hagler. Instead, he opted for a large purse against Hearns, knowing that an impressive victory would mean a million dollar payday in the future.

The Hearns fight will also provide Shuler with some desperately needed experience against top flight opposition. For most of his 22-bout career (all wins, 16 knockouts), he has fought for promoter Butch Lewis, laboring in the shadow of stablemate Michael Spinks. Most of James' bouts were against average journeymen, proving little and impressing absolutely no one. Nevertheless, he kept winning and working his way up the rankings. A promotional switch to Joe Hand also helped boost him into the limelight.

By far the biggest fight in Shuler's career was a 12-round decision over fellow contender James (The Heat) Kinchen, February 16, 1985 in Atlantic City for the NABF middleweight title. It was a crossroads fight for both, but as *The Ring*'s J.R. Jowett put it in his fight report, "Neither looked to be particularly Marvelous." Shuler was hurt in the 11th, but the Philadelphian survived to emerge a split decision winner after 12 so-so rounds.

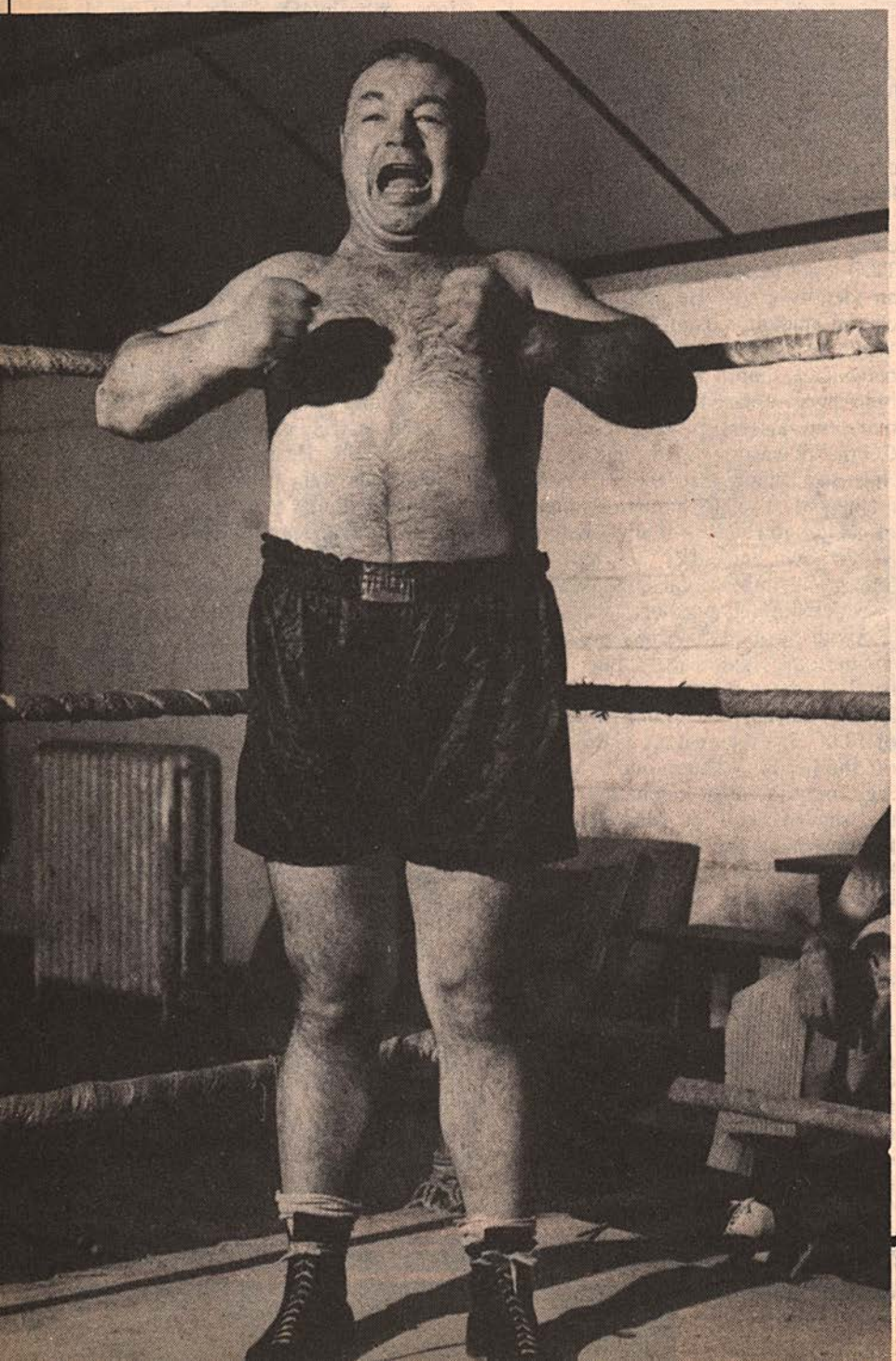
Shuler blamed ring rust for his uninspiring showing, but didn't look any better outpointing Jerry Holly—one of Hagler's regular sparring partners—in his last bout before facing Hearns. In fact, Holly, although comprehensively beaten, managed to fluster Shuler with a prolonged flurry in the third, and provide him with a rugged workout the rest of the way. Although another lacklustre showing did not help Top Rank sell any tickets to his fight with Hearns, it might have been just the tonic Shuler needed to prepare for Hearns.

Overall, because of his limited exposure, Shuler remains somewhat of a mystery. Maybe his best chance is to try and jump on Hearns, hoping to emulate Hagler's success. There is a good possibility that the "Hit Man" will be gunshy from the beating he absorbed in April and will be looking to test the waters before getting involved in a punchout. Of course, Shuler isn't Marvin Hagler, but he can punch well in combinations and has shown the fighting grit usually associated with Philadelphia fighters. While a points victory for Shuler isn't beyond the realm of possibility, his best bet seems to be via a knockout—the same way Hearns has been defeated in the past.

Predictions are always tricky, but look for a somewhat tentative Hearns to keep his career—and a rematch with Hagler—alive with a decision win. □

THE LOSERS: LOST

By Joseph D'O'Brian



"Two Ton" Tony Galento was perhaps boxing's most defiant loser. Following a 40-stitch beating at the hands of Joe Louis, Galento still boasted that he would, "Moida da bum" if given another opportunity.

WE COULD GO THROUGH A CASE OR two of your favorite beer debating the question of whether TV has or has not killed boxing. That's the chicken-egg question of boxing, and, like Billy Martin, I feel very strongly both ways. But if there's one thing that TV has done to boxing without any doubt, it is that TV has deprived the fan of appreciating the art of the loser.

This point was driven home to me with great force the other night, when I saw the Hector Camacho-Jose Luis Ramirez bout on HBO. Sure, I got a kick out of Camacho's crazy post-fight interview: Whatever else you may think of him, he's a showman as well as a hell of a fighter.

What bothered me was the fact that from the final bell until the end of the broadcast, HBO kept its cameras firmly fixed on Camacho. For all any of us knew, Ramirez had simply turned into a cloud of water vapor.

Now, Jose Luis Ramirez isn't exactly some stiff. After all, the public could hardly get enough of him after he staged that incredible comeback to win the WBC lightweight crown from Edwin Rosario. So why couldn't HBO have spared him a

few moments, or at any rate a few camera shots?

Consciously or unconsciously, the crew at HBO was telling us that Jose Luis Ramirez had become a "non-person." He had lost a fight and was therefore unworthy of further mention or notice. And when Camacho eventually loses a fight, he'll get the same treatment.

It didn't used to be that way. There was a time when if a boxer lost a fight, well, it was too bad, but it didn't mean he'd become about as popular as a leper. For better or for worse, TV has made boxing more accessible to people who don't understand the sport, and these people will not tolerate a loser. The *Lumpen*'s obsession with winning has obscured the real nature of the sport.

Boxing is not a sport of numbers, like football or basketball. It is a sport of lore, like cricket, tennis, or horse-racing. In a numbers sport, winning is all that matters. In a lore sport, it really and truly matters how you play the game. Because it's the game, not the final score, that people are going to remember.

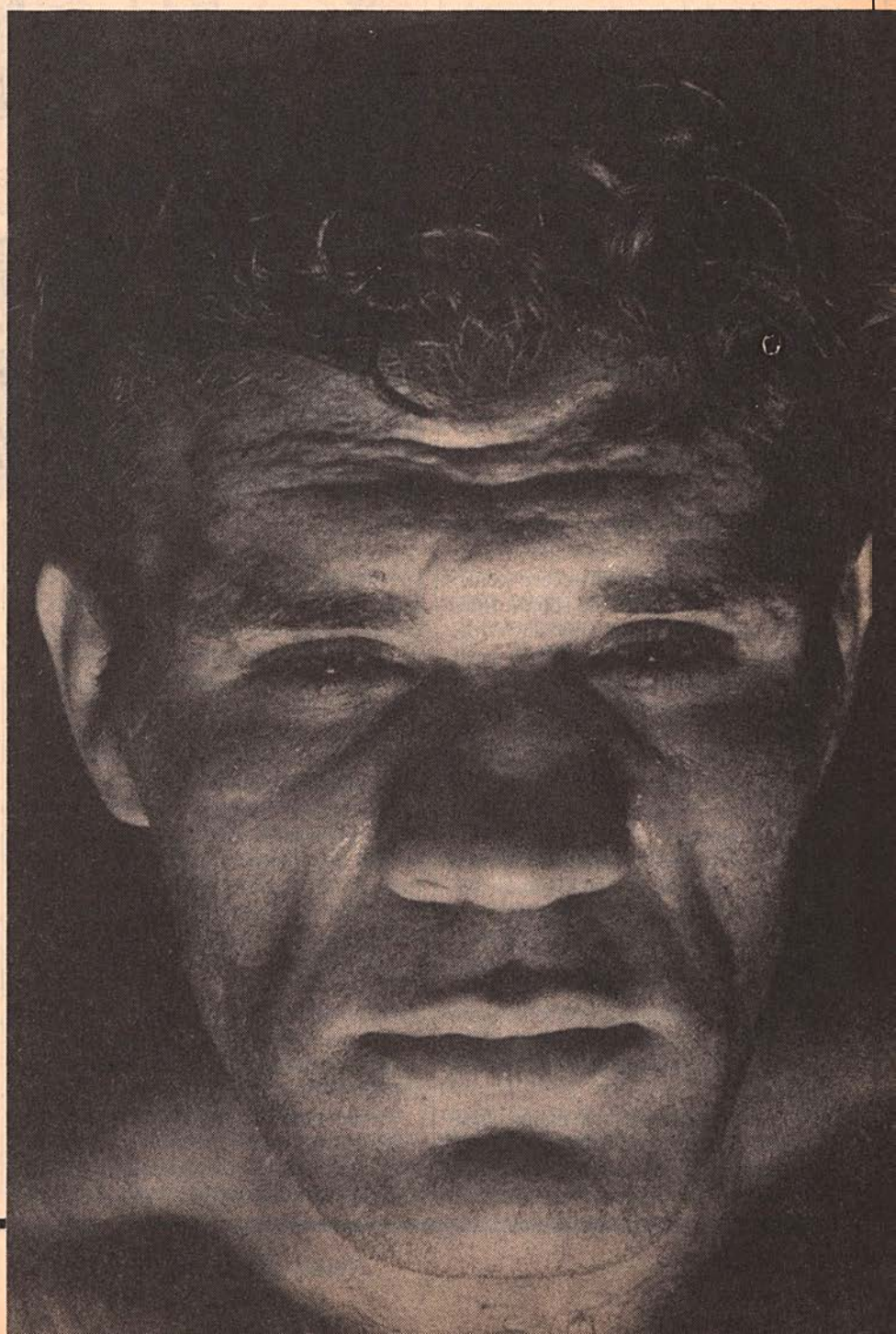
The media's coverage—and thus our knowledge—of boxing has been reduced to a series of capsule glimpses of the happy faces of winners, thrust in front of us one after the other with not much explanation, no discussion of the before or the after, no mention of the fact that the sport consists of a lot more than just a small handful of superstars. It's like being given the entire history of the world in the form of a sixteen-page comic book.

What I'm getting at is that to appreciate boxing fully, you've got to get to know the losers as well as the winners. In the old days, before TV, you could do this. Reporters, who had to go into greater depth because of the lack of TV coverage, were glad to interview the loser of a fight. Movie and newsreel cameras, before the days of the zoom lens, shot from one panoramic angle, allowing the loser to stay in the camera's field at least long enough for the public to observe his reaction.

If you were to ask your grandmother to name ten famous boxers, she could probably do it. She'd mention Holmes, Leonard, Hagler, Camacho, Ali and a few other superstars.

If you asked her to name thirty boxers, she could probably do that, too. But to do it, she'd have to think of some names that aren't so big. And the names of these more obscure boxers would probably not come

Abe Simon went into an animated yelling and waving act following his 13th round knockout defeat at the hands of Joe Louis, March 21, 1941 in Detroit.



from the present day. She wouldn't be likely to list David Braxton, Tex Cobb, Sot Chitalada.

Instead, she'd start listing lesser-known boxers from the past. Guys like Abe Simon, Tony Galento, Charlie Fusari, Lee Savold, George Araujo.

The reason for this is that the average person was exposed to the wholeness of boxing before TV came on the scene. We weren't just given glimpses: We saw important fights and unimportant fights. We saw winners, but we also saw losers. And while the winners would attract new fans for a few months, it was often the losers who gave the sport character. It was often the losers who *kept* people interested.

Winning's great, don't get me wrong. There's nothing like it in the world. And I can't think of too many good things to say about losing. But while seeing somebody win can be fun, it's never very interesting. It's always the same. The guy jumps up and down, throws his arms in the air, says "Hi, Mom," and that's it.

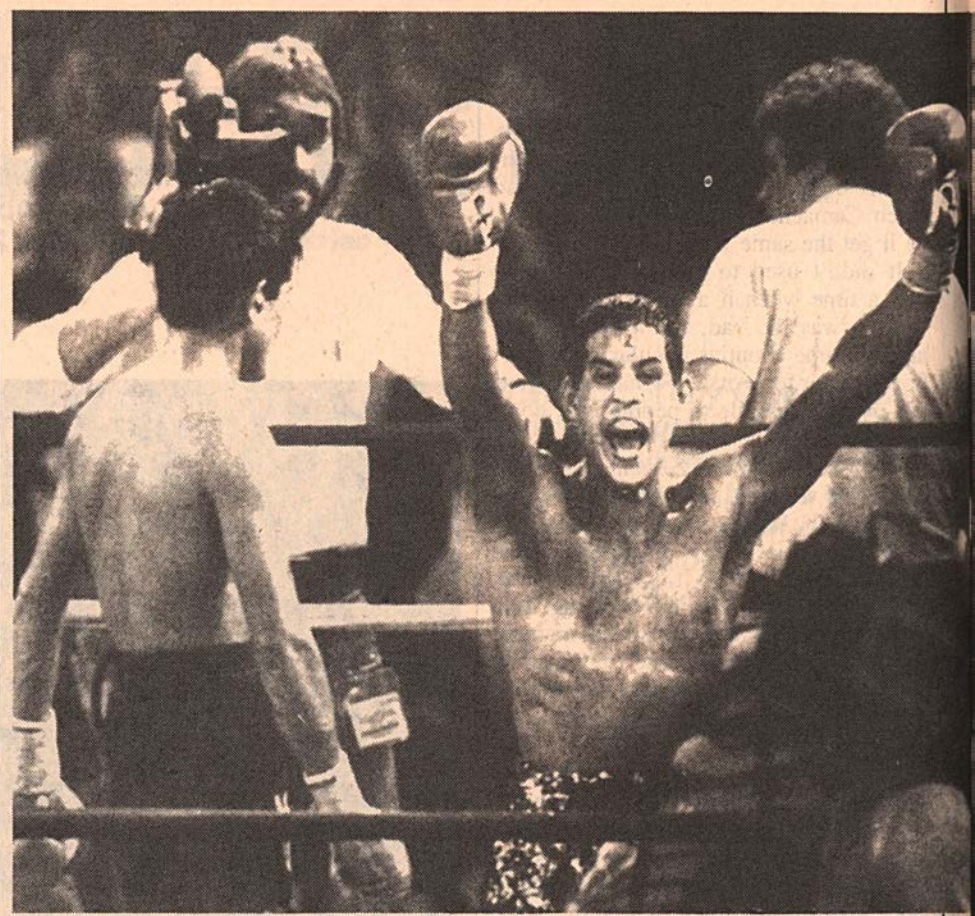
Losing's different. There are all kinds of different ways a guy can lose. By a mile or by a hair, by bad luck or by lack of skill; he can be devastated or only slightly ruffled; he can be sad, angry, outraged—and sometimes even happy. And in a sport like boxing, which depends entirely on history, tall tales and loud debate, the loser of a fight is often just as important as the winner.

If you look at a football record book, you'll find that in 1970, the score of the Super Bowl was Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7. And that's really all you need to know about that game.

If you look at a boxing record book, you'll find that in 1939, Joe Louis knocked out Tony Galento in four rounds. But if there is anybody reading this who thinks that that's the whole story . . . well, let him keep reading.

Louis was already a national idol, and then some, when he fought Galento. Although he had only held the heavyweight title for two years, competent judges were already calling him the greatest fighter of all time. But there was this fat, balding bartender in East Orange, New Jersey who said it wasn't so. "Get me dat Louis," Two-Ton Tony told the press. "I'll moida da bum."

Well, Louis didn't duck many opponents, and Galento's audacity was enough to get the public interested. So the match was made. Nobody regarded it as anything more than a joke.



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Nobody but the two fighters, that is. Galento really believed he could win, and as for Louis, he was mortally insulted by Galento's pre-fight boasts. They went at it, and for four rounds they got it on so seriously that the fans must have wondered why the tickets were so cheap.

Hard-fought though it was, the contest was pretty one-sided, Galento had courage and a big punch, but he couldn't cope with Louis' artistry. He got smacked around pretty good in the first round, and in the second he was knocked down for the first time in his career. Coming out for the third, his face was so gory it looked as though he'd been caught in the middle of a razor fight.

But in the third, Galento finally connected with his best punch, a left hook, and Louis went down. But he got up right away and went after Tony again. Only this time, he was really angry.

In the fourth round, a bleeding, helpless Galento took one of the most savage beatings ever captured on camera. It was several minutes before he could leave the

Winner Hector Camacho and loser Jose Luis Ramirez seconds after the decision in favor of the "Macho Man" was announced. Did HBO do their viewers a disservice by ignoring the loser? Writer D'O'Brian certainly thinks so.

Photo: The Ring Archives

Primo Carera, pictured here preparing for a stage appearance in Philadelphia, was one of boxing's more poignant losers. Following his devastating loss to Max Baer, he cried like a small boy who had never wished to harm anybody and who had been terribly mistreated.

ring, and he had to have his face put back together with forty stitches.

But in front of the newsreel cameras a few minutes after that, he acted like anything but a loser. "Louis just got lucky," he ranted. "I got somet'in' in my eyes. I wanna fight da bum again; I'll moida him next time!"

When Galento died in 1979, National Public Radio's news bureau gave him a five-minute obituary on both the morning and evening news. "Galento captured the public imagination by capturing the national spirit," the commentator said. "When he said, 'I'll moida da bum,' and refused to back down even when he was beaten, he showed the kind of defiance that Americans admire." National Public Radio is not known as a bastion of boxing fans, but Galento—a loser—had impressed even them.

Louis, because he beat so many men in front of the cameras, gave us a wonderful opportunity to observe a variety of losers. We saw Joe Walcott weep in his corner, Billy Conn grin ruefully as the referee led him away, Abe Simon yell and wave his arms, doing his fake-outrage schtick with all the *élan* of a Catskills tummeler (which he later became).

Watching a man win is fun. It's heartwarming. You see him win, and you can sometimes cop a contact high from seeing him so happy. But seeing a man lose is worthwhile too. It's a sad thing to see, but it's often educational. It's a view of man at his most vulnerable, and if you're a student of human character, as most boxing fans are, it gives you insight you'd never get from a winner.

Jack Johnson, when he was heavyweight champ, was perceived by the public as a complete boor. He was a loudmouth, a bully, a drunk, a rake, and completely without the feelings of a normal human being, so it was said. And he did occasionally give that impression. His enemies hounded him out of America, through Europe, from Mexico to Cuba, and always he responded with his insolent grin. But when Jess Willard finally knocked him out at the Oriental Racetrack in Havana in 1915, as his seconds dragged him to his feet, he murmured, "Now they will leave me alone. At last they will leave me alone."

Most people thought Primo Carnera was more monster than man. Huge, ugly, terrifying to look at, he was thought of as just a gorilla with no brains and less sensitivity. But sportscaster George Hicks, interviewing Carnera in the dressing room after his devastating loss to Max Baer, found out differently.

"I no longer remember what Carnera said," Hicks wrote years later, "but suddenly, answering my questions, he began to cry. No big tears came, but it was the simple, small crying of a boy who has never wished harm to anyone and who has just been terribly mistreated."

Now that you've read these little anecdotes, think of when they took place. All of them happened before 1950. Now, I daresay that if I had racked my brain, I could have thought of two or three such incidents that took place after 1950. But I really would have had to think about it. And that disturbs me. I am not a collector of won-lost records; I'm a collector of stories and tidbits. I don't want boxing reduced to its final results; I'm more interested in the millions of tiny parts that create the whole. And that's why I demand that the TV networks give me back my losers. □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel—Tim Williams' jump to main event class ended unsatisfactorily when referee Fritz Werner made what many believed was a premature stoppage of his scheduled 10-rounder with Billy Robertson. The fight was even on all but the referee's scorecard (58-58, 58-58, 59-56) when Mr. Werner intervened at 1:50 of the seventh round. Robertson, 163¾, Inglewood, had been stunned by a right that sat him down on the bottom rope, but he had his hands up and was convering well. Williams, 162, San Diego, is now 7-0, all inside the distance.

Rigo Lopez, 147, San Diego, impressively halted experienced survivor Richard Lomeli, 144½, Tijuana, at 1:28 of the fourth of a scheduled six. Lomeli was down in the second and the fourth. Werner, referee.

Rufino Lugo, 113½, Tijuana, rallied in the final round to earn a popular draw with Tony Deluca, 113½, San Diego, in a very good six. Scoring: referee Pat Russell, 57-57; judge Werner, 57-57; judge Hal Rickards, 58-57, Deluca.

Unbeaten Art Jimmerson, 175, Los Angeles, overpowered Robert Williams, 173, Los Angeles, in 1:17 of the second in a scheduled six. Williams was rescued by referee Russell shortly after a right had put him down for eight.

Two-time state amateur champ Clemente Casillas made a disastrous pro debut. Casillas, 152, San Diego, was caught cold and floored three times by unbeaten former Los Angeles Golden Gloves Champ Tyrone Jones, 149, Los Angeles, before referee Russell stepped in just 1:57 into their scheduled five.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Fred Lewis, ring announcer.
(07-18-85)

▶INGLEWOOD—Forum—World rated Prince Mohammed, 175, Hollywood, knocked Chris Schwenke, 175, Salt Lake City, down and out with a flurry of head shots with only 0:17 left in a scheduled 10. Schwenke walked to his dressing room, then collapsed, and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he underwent surgery to remove a bloodclot from his brain. Although still critical, doctors regard Schwenke's condition as "guardedly optimistic." Schwenke had lost every round to a much more skilled fighter, and, as early as the seventh, he seemed almost exhausted beyond the point of endurance. Yet his corner sent him out for the final round. Early in the 10th, Schwenke threw everything he had into a series of purposeful but very wild punches, and late in the round, began to reel along the ropes, totally spent and unprotected. Referee John Thomas watched as Schwenke took seven unanswered and unnecessary clean head blows which sent the brave Sardan stumbling, then sliding across the ring into his own corner. Mohammed, rated second by the WBC, thus upped his record to 31-1-2.

J.B. Williamson, 171¼, Los Angeles, ranked third by the WBA, was also a lopsided winner in the light-heavyweight co-feature. Jimmy Bills, 177, Vallejo, was the unanimous loser. Bills, who had recently outpointed Schwenke, lost every round but the fourth, and was floored in the closing seconds of the ninth. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 99-91; judge Thomas, 99-90; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 99-90.

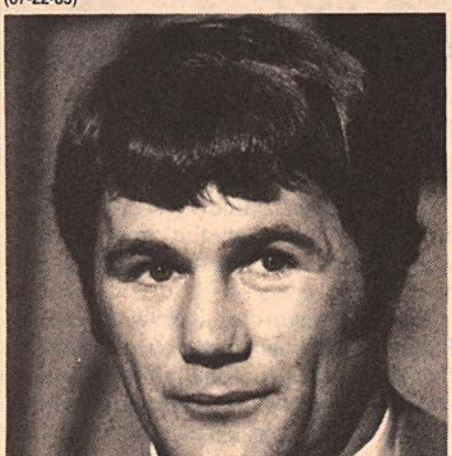
Grover Robinson, 176, Fremont, came from behind to knock out Lamont Kirkland, 176, Omaha, in 2:21 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Kirkland, a tremendous puncher with a suspect chin, had won every round before he was stunningly floored twice in the fifth. Jen-Kin, referee.

Talented Jeff Whaley, 115¼, unanimously outpointed tough Sylvestre Guerrero, 117, Los Angeles, in a very well received eight-round show opener. Whaley, a fast precision puncher who is in the process of moving to Los Angeles from Detroit, fought very hard but could never dominate the willing Mexican. Scoring: referee Connolly, 78-75; judge Jen-Kin, 78-74; judge Thomas, 79-74.

Glen Kennedy, 173¼, West Covina, and Larry Musgrove, 173, Los Angeles, fought to a deserved six-round draw (58-56; 58-58; 58-58). Connolly, referee.

Also fighting to an expected and correct draw were Roberto Garcia, 144½, Bell Gardens, and Marcos Esquivel, 147, El Segundo. Referee Jen-Kin scored the hard fought four-round show closer 40-36, Esquivel; judge Thomas favored Garcia, 39-38; judge Connolly had it even, 39-39.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(07-22-85)



Veteran southpaw Sean Mannion dominated the final three rounds to score a unanimous 10-round decision over Bert Lee in Irving, California.

▶IRVINE—Marriott Hotel—Southpaw Sean Mannion, 159¾, unanimously outpointed tough Bert Lee, 159¼, Corona, 10. Mannion, the WBA's top ranked junior middleweight, was much quicker and sharper, dominating the final three rounds. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 97-93; judge Vince Delgado, 98-92; judge Chuck Hassett, 99-92.

David Gutierrez, 146½, San Diego, won a unanimous decision over durable Tommy Richardson, 147, Oakland, eight. Scoring: referee Delgado, 79-72; judge Hassett, 80-71; judge Filippo, 80-71.

Also a near shutout winner was Francisco Segura, 131½, Pomona, who unanimously outscored Martin Escobar, 130, Marina Del Rey, four. Escobar was floored in the third. Scoring: referee Delgado, 40-36; judge Hassett, 39-36; judge Filippo, 40-35.

Nick Delong, 223, Long Beach, stopped Dee Jay, 218½, Pomona, who turned his back in surrender at 2:47 of the second in a scheduled six. It was a disappointing night for Weaver triplets Lloyd, Troy and Floyd.

Junior middleweight Lloyd decided not to fight when his original opponent fell out and a suitable replacement could not be found. Middleweight Troy, 161, Chino, was knocked down in the first and then mauled his way to a split distance loss to more experienced Frank Martinez, 160, Temple City, four. Scoring: referee Delgado, 39-37, Martinez; judge Hassett, 38-37, Weaver; judge Filippo, 38-37, Martinez.

Welterweight Floyd, 148½, Chino, drew with Roderick Starks, 149, Cypress, in a dull four. Scoring: referee Delgado, 40-35, Weaver; judge Hassett, 39-37, Starks; judge Filippo, 38-38.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(07-22-85)

▶RESEDA—Country Club—Unbeaten United States Olympic alternate Michael Nunn, 161, Sherman Oaks, was a surprisingly easy knockout winner over veteran James Waire, 162, Los Angeles, in 2:31 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Waire was down twice in the first, once in the second, and was always on the defensive. Lou Filippo, referee.

Jon Russell, 143¾, Sherman Oaks, failed to impress while winning unanimously over Francisco Armenta, 145, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 59-55; judge Gwen Farrell, 58-56; judge Filippo, 58-56.

Hard working Dino Ramirez, 128, La Puente, unanimously outpointed game Lorenzo Rodriguez, 129½, Riverside, six. Scoring: referee Filippo, 58-55; judge Moret, 58-56; judge Farrell, 58-55.

Popular Manny Olivas, 119½, Canoga Park, unanimously outscored Genaro Espitia, 119, North Hollywood, in a hard fought four. Scoring: referee Moret, 40-36; judge Filippo, 39-37; judge Farrell, 39-37.

Stewart Baynes, 141, Pasadena, made a successful pro debut when he unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten house fighter Eric Goosen, 140, North Hollywood, in a good four. Scoring: referee Moret, 39-37; judge Filippo, 39-37; judge Farrell, 40-37.

Albert Montenegro, 140, La Puente, used his left jab to score a repeat majority four-round poinits win over free swinging Rodney Capps, 139, Relands. Scoring: referee Moret, 38-38; judge Filippo, 39-38; judge Farrell, 39-38.

Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
(07-29-85)

▶CARSON—Civic Center—Olympic runner up Hector Lopez, 124½, Glendale, dropped Alberto Gonzalez, 126, Los Angeles, three times with right hands in 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled six to win his fourth straight as a pro. Vince Delgado, referee.

Ricky Romero, 113¼, Torrance TKO'd Sylvestre Guerrero, 114, Los Angeles, who retired with a closed left eye at the end of the first. Delgado, referee.

John Hernandez, 124, Los Angeles, and Jorge Rodriguez, 122¾, Los Angeles, drew, five. Both fought with more spirit than skill. Scoring: referee Kenny Davis, 50-47, Hernandez; judge Larry Rozadilla, 48-48; judge Delgado, 48-48.

Unbeaten Ernie Nava, 134¾, Hawaiian Gardens, hadk to work hard to unanimously outpoint taller Albert Montenegro, 138½, La Puente, five. Scoring: referee Davis, 50-46; judge Delgado, 50-45; judge Rozadilla, 49-46.

Mark Quickly, 145¾, Pasadena, survived a difficult first, then stunningly floored and stopped debuting Mexican olympic trials representative Martin Escobar, 146¼, Los Angeles, in 2:30 of the second in a scheduled five. Davis, referee.

Roberto Lopez, 115¾, Glendale, looked good in his pro debut, stopping Sergio Gamino, 115, Los Angeles, in 1:45 of the second of a scheduled four. Gamino was down in both rounds. Lopez is the older brother of main eventer Hector Lopez. Davis, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
(08-07-85)

▶HOLLYWOOD—Palladium—Three 1984 Olympic Champions brought back memories of their gold medal triumphs with exciting victories in a nationally televised card (promoted by Don Chargin and CBS TV).

Very popular Paul Gonzales, 115, East Los Angeles, impressively outpointed veteran Jose (Pulga) Torres, 115, Tucson, six, not losing a round. Debuting Gonzales, the Olympic Mini-Flyweight Champion, easily outboxed the slower Torres. Marty Denkin, referee.

Middleweight winner Frank Tate, 162, Houston, made it eight without defeat with a unanimous win over Thomas Smith, 160, Tyler, Texas, in an excellent six. Smith was nearly halted in the second, won the third, and then hung on to last the distance. Scoring: referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 59-55; judge John Thomas, 60-53; judge Lou Moret, 60-54.

Henry Tillman, 196¼, Los Angeles, 1984 Olympic heavyweight gold medalist, kayoed outclassed but game Larry Phelps, 188, Dayton, in 1:11 of the second in a scheduled six for his sixth consecutive win. Tillman hurt Phelps with every punch he threw before flooring him with a short right to the head. Phelps tried unsuccessfully to struggle up, forcing referee Moret's intervention at the count of four.

Right hand puncher Adolfo Lopez, 122, Huntington Park, sensationally knocked out Henry Lugo, 123, San Jose, in 1:21 of the first round in a scheduled "bombs away" four. The first of two knockdowns sent Lugo flying through the air. Thomas, referee.

Gustavo Lopez, 128, Los Angeles, ralled in the final two rounds to draw with unbeaten Sammy Mejias, 127, North Hollywood,

four. Scoring: referee Thomas, 39-38, Lopez; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37, Mijias; judge Moret, 38-38.
Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.
Bill Caplan, ring announcer.
(08-11-85)

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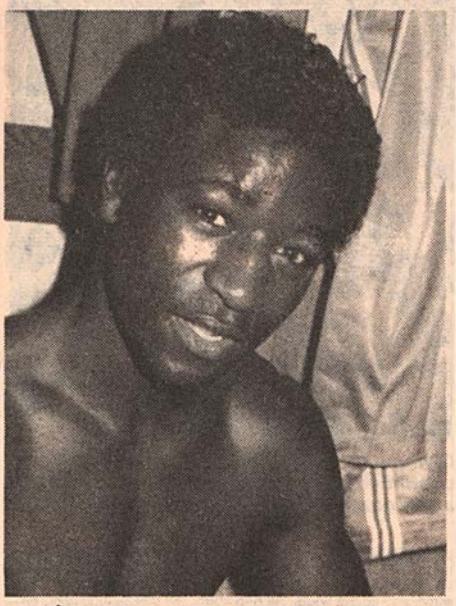

Cornèlius Boza-Edwards continued his progress as a full-fledged lightweight with a hard-fought decision over John Montes in Tampa.

FLORIDA

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—Former WBC super featherweight champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 135¾, Las Vegas, Nev., won a unanimous decision over John Montes, Jr., 135, Los Angeles, Calif., 10. Max Parker, Jr., referee.

Montes landed several clean shots to Boza's head during the first three rounds, but the ex-champ assumed control in the fourth frame and decked John with a right hook in the sixth. The final scores were 96-95, 97-95, and 99-93. Boza-Edwards, who has a tentative agreement to face the winner of the forthcoming title bout between WBA champion Livingstone Bramble and Tyrone Crawley, is now 44-5. Montes is 29-3.

Harvey Hester, 141½, Tampa, won a unanimous (99-92, 99-94, 96-94) decision over Michael Bradley, also 141½, Columbus, Ohio, 10. Hester is now 19-0. Bradley is now 20-3-2.

Brian Sumner, 146¾, Jackson, Mich., knocked out Sammy Rivera, 146½, Knoxville, Tenn., in 2:10 of the second. Sumner is now 11-1 with seven knockouts. Rivera is 12-3.

Clifford Gray, 138, Boynton Beach, Fla., kayoed Ricky Clement, 139¼, Morgan City, La., in 2:15 of the first round. Mike Boggs, referree. Gray is now 7-1-1. Clements is 17-4-1.

Bernard Gray, 129¾, Boynton Beach, TKO'd Dennis Derisme, 131, Miami, at 1:03 of round one. Gray is now 11-0 with seven kayoes. Derisme is 2-3.

Terry Anderson, 211, Pensacola, Fla., knocked out Joe Louis Bailey, Fort Myers, Fla., with a left hook in 0:36 of the first round. Anderson, the former Marine Corps and inter-service champion, is now 4-0 with three kayoes. Bailey is 5-6.

Jo Jo Harris, 136¼, Tampa, kayoed debuting Carmelo Erazo, 134, Miami, in 0:43 of the first round. Harris is now 2-0. The less said about this 'fight,' the better.

Joe Gray, 148¾, Boynton Beach, won a unanimous (39-37, 40-37, 38-37) decision over Sapheil Ali, 149, Tallahassee, four. Gray is now 3-3. Ali is 4-2.

Referees—Mike Boggs, Max Parker, Jr., Brian Garry.
Judges—Pete Valiente, Darrell Brown.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Ring Announcer—Mark Beiro.
Ringside Physicians—David Dillenbeck, Jack Guggino, Rodolfo Eichberg, Donald Mellman, Vincente Caranante.
Alessi Promotio.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,347.
NBC Sportsworld.
Commenators—Marv Albert, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco.
(07-14-85)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—K.P. Porter, 205½, Battle Creek, won on a disqualification over "Two-Ton" Tony Valasco, 244, Tampa, at 2:34 of the fifth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Porter opened up a cut over Valasco's right eye in the third round and sent Tony to the canvas with a three-punch combo in the fifth. Velasco, who had lost points for low punches in the fourth and fifth, persisted with his fouls after rising from the knockdown, and was finally ruled out by referee Mike Boggs. Porter is now 10-0-1. Velasco is 10-6.

Glenn Wolfe, 149, Miami, TKO'd Dario DeJesus, also 149, Miami, at 2:49 of the first round. Wolfe is now 17-1 with 13 kayoes. DeJHesus is 20-17-4. Brian Garry, referee,

Eric Holley, 173, Tampa, TKO'd Chris Wells, 177, Orlando, who was unable to asnwer the bell for round five. Holley is now 11-0 with eight kayoes. Wells is 18-12.

Willie McGee, 148, Miami, knocked out Michael Wright, also 148, Fayetteville, N.C., in 0:15 of the third round with a solid overhand right. McGee is now 7-6-1. Wright is 11-1.

Dale Robinsaon, 154, St. Petersburg, Fla., knocked out James Smith, 152½, Fayetteville, in 2:00 of the second. Robinson is now 7-0 with five kayoes.

Keith Stevenson, 138, Tampa, TKO'd Shawn Spinda, 135, Raceland, KY., at 1:06 of the second. Brian Garry, referee. Stevenson is now 15-1 with seven kayoes. Spinda is 3-2.

Danny Hand, 149, Ft. Myers, TKO'd Vanoy Nance, 142, Tampa, at 2:30 of the second. Hand is now 4-1 with four kayoes. Nance is 0-2.

Referees—Max Parker, Jr., Brian Garry, Mike Boggs.
Judges—Wilson Robinson, Rich Carli.
Ring Announcer—Mark Beiro.
Alessi Promotions.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,152.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(07-25-85)

▶**TAMPA—Egypt Temple Shrine**—John Munduga, 151¼, Kampala, Uganda, TKO'd Zoilo Carmona, 152, Bronx, New York, who failed to answer the bell for round six of their scheduled 10. A vicious body attack wore down the two-day sub. Munduga is now 20-0 with 16 knockouts. Carmona, fighting for the first time in more than a year, is 7-4-1.

Bernard Gray, 131, Tampa, won a unanimous (80-72, 80-72, 78-76) decision over Reese Smith, 133, Nashville, Tenn., eight. Gray is now 12-0. Smith, a gutsy fighter, is 9-10.

Keith Stevenson, 133½, Tampa, TKO'd Julio (Tarzan) Gonzalez, 131¼, at 0:50 of round six. A deep cut over the left optic forced the stoppage. Stevenson is now 16-1 with eight kayoes. Gonzalez is 4-7. Mike Boggs, referee.

Clifford Gray, 137½, Tampa, TKO'd Keith McKinney, 132, Jacksonville, at 2:06 of the fourth round. A gash over the right eye forced referee Max Parker, Jr. to stop the bout. Gray is now 8-1-1 with four kayoes. McKinney is 2-2.

Nathan (Buzzy) Ziegler, 159, Jacksonville, won a unanimous (60-55, 60-55, 59-55) decision over Alfonso Harris, 154, Tampa, six. Ziegler is now 5-2. Harris, John Mugabi's chief sparring partner, is 1-3.

Joe Gray, 152, Tampa, won a unanimous (40-37, 40-37, 39-37) decision over Clinton Mack, 147, Miami, four. Gray is now 4-3. Mack is 1-1.

Karry Allen, 128, Tampa, TKO'd Jimmy Rojas, 124½, Orlando, at 1:05 of the third round in their scheduled four. Allen is now 2-1-1 with two kayoes. Rojas is 1-2.

Referees—Max Parker, Jr., Brian Garry, Mike Boggs.
Judges—Tom Brown, Pete Valiente.
Timekeeper—Billy Herold.
Ring Announcer—Mark Beiro.
Alessi Promotions.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—937.
USA Cable Network (tape delay).
Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(08-15-85)

MASSACHUSETTS

▶**LOWELL—Memorial Auditorium**—Lowell's first pro card in five years drew an impressive 1,600 fans, mainly on the strength of a six-round exhibition featuring triple champion Alexis Arguello. Local journeyman Manny Madera, 150, was Arguello's opponent, who obliged by coming forward throughout the match despite a nasty cut under his right eye, suffered in the third.

RobertitoColon, 150, Lawrence, Mass.,knocked out southpaw Allan Clarke, 146, Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a right hand bomb in 2:08 of the second. Colon is now 24-4. Clarke is a supposed 23-6.

Frank Gallazza, 131, Brooklyn, went to 5-0 with a split verdict over Frank DiOrio, 135, Somerville, six.

Mickey Ward, 139, Lowell, TKO'd Greg Young, 131, Albany, at 1:45 of the fourth and final round in the evening's best scrap. Non-stop leather.

Rene Resto, 135, Brooklyn, won a loppsided unanimous decision over late sub Joe McFarland, 139, Lowell, four. Resto is now 7-0.

Emilio Rabago, 137, Boston, stopped Ray Pontes, 132, Jacksonville, Fla., at 1:10 of the first round in the scheduled four-round opener.

Referees—Matt Mullaney, worked Ragago-Pontes, Stephens-King, and Colon-Clarke. Ed Fitzgerald handled the Arguello exhibition, Resto-McFarland, Ward-Young, and DiOrio-Gallazza.
Judges—Dan Mullin, George DeFilippo.
Timekeeper—Paul Moltin.
Ringside Physician—A.P. Bloomenthal, M.D.
Tri-Star Boxing. Matchmaker—Dom Marino.
Attendence—1,600. Gross—$16,000 (est.).
(08-27-85)

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MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Cobo Arena**—Hurley Snead, 117, Detroit, won the vacant USBA bantamweight title with a TKO over the much taller Osvaldo Acevedo, 116, Miami, at 2:55 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. Snead is now 23-1-1.

J.L. Ivey, 134¼, Detroit, won a unanimous (80-72 on all three scorecards) decision over Julio (Tarzan) Gonzales, 133, Puerto Rico via Miami, eight. Ivey is now 14-3.

Gary Martin, 135¾, Detroit, won a unanimous (60-54 on all three cards) decision over Jim Giambelluca, 133¼, Buffalo, six. Martin is now 4-1.

Vernon (Bad News) Bridges, 191, Flint, Mich., blasted out the favored Tim Bullock, 187, Detroit, at 1:26 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Bridges, now 5-11-1, showed improved stamina. Bullock is now 6-2-1.

Rick West won a unanimous (40-36, 39-37, 39-37) decision over Mark Stevens in a four-round clash of undefeated Detroit middleweights. West is now 6-0.

Courtney Hooper, 139, Kalamazoo, Mich., went to 3-0 by knocking out Roger Brown, 143¼, Buffalo, in 0:53 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Phillip Fuller, 141, Detroit, came off the canvas in the first to stop Wayne Herrod, 142½, Buffalo, at 1:22 of the second in another scheduled four.

Referees—Dick Grable, Marv McDonald.
Judges—Bob Watson, Rose Grable, Randy Ericson.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
Gold Circle Promotions.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
(06-06-85)

▶**BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Roma Hall**—Cortez Treadwell, 149, Detroit, won a unanimous (59-55, 59-55, 58-56) decision over former amateur star Mark Harrison, 149, Pontiac, Mich., six. Treadwell is now 3-0.

Steve Darnell, 160, Detroit, in the fourth round of their scheduled six. Darnell is now 7-0-1. Vinson is 2-3-1.

Gary Martin, 134, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over debuting Jon Wright, 133, Detroit, four. Martin is now 5-1.

Paul Pardo, 128, Detroit, and Eddie Petty, 130, Cleveland, drew, four.

Booker T. Word, 172, Ann Arbor, halted Rodney Craig, 182, Detroit, at 2:49 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Gold Circle Promotion.
Matchmaker—Ross Barber.
(06-20-85)

▶**WYANDOTTE—Yack Arena**—Dion Simpson, 230, Detroit, won a split decision over Richard Scott, 218, St. Louis, eight.

Simpson is now 18-1. Scott is 7-3-2.

Kirk Harris, 117, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over journeyman James Tolliver, 114¼, Cleveland, eight. Harris, now 7-2-1, had been inactive for over a year.

Steve Darnell, 160, Livonia, TKO'd Donnell Jennings, 158, Hammond, Ind., at 0:47 of the second round of a scheduled six. Darnell is now 8-0-1.

Vince Hopper, 174½, Detroit, went to 6-0 with a unanimous decision over Len Edwards, 169, Cleveland, six.

Victoria Belcher, 136, South Bend, Ind., won a unanimous verdict over Johnny Glover, 134, Detroit, four. Belcher is now 11-0. Glover is 2-1-1.

Bill Trendley, 177, St. Louis, won a split decision over Miguel Figueroa, 175, Detroit, four. Trendley is now 3-0. Figueroa is 0-2.

ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
(06-27-85)

▶**SAULT STE. MARIE—Pullar Memorial Arena**—The card was made up of five six-round bouts. The three Fighting Nolan brothers all made their pro debuts.

Frank Nolan, 158, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, blasted out Myron Glasper, 150½, Detroit, at 0:08 of the second. Glasper is now 0-3.

Steve Nolan, 129¼, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., won a close decision over Joe (The Silver Fox) Senegal, also 129¼, Detroit. Senegal is now 2-2-2.

Jon Wright, 129, Detroit, outscored Brian Nolan, also 129, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., six. Wright is now 1-2.

Cortez Treadwell, 148½, Detroit, won a unanimous (58-56 on all three cards) verdict over David McCall, 154, St. Paul, Minn., six. Treadwell is now 4-0. McCall is 4-1.

Richard Roland, 158, Detroit, made his pro debut with a TKO over Larry Byrd, 159, Kalamazoo, at 2:55 of round three.

Fighting Nolans Enterprises, Inc.
(07-05-85)

▶**DETROIT—Hart Plaza**—Gold Circle Promotions put on their first outdoor show and, despite near disaster in putting the card together, managed to get off four fights for the free audience that packed Hart Plaza.

Curtis Isaac, 188, Kalamazoo, retained his Michigan State cruiserweight title with a split (97-93, 97-93, 90-100) decision over Spencer Chavis, 190, Dearborn Heights, 10. Judge Ken Offet's 100-90 score in favor of Chavis was totally ridiculous; *The Ring* had it 98-93, Isaac, who showed an excellent defense in moving his record to 12-3. Chavis is now 16-1.

Rick West, 126, Lorain, Ohio, and Joe (The Silver Fox) Senegal, 134, Detroit, drew, six. The scores were 57-57, 57-57, and 58-57, Senegal. West is now 3-1-1. Senegal is 2-2-3.

Eddie Petty, 127, Cleveland, stopped Paul Pardo, Detroit, at 2:41 of the second. Petty is now 1-1-1. Pardo is 0-2-1.

Phillip Fuller, 136½, Detroit, made it 2-0 with a unanimous (40-36 on all cards) decison over Jeff Huffman, 145, Cleveland, four.

Referees—Tom Briscoe, Bobby Watson.
Judges—John Chaulk, Sue Denton, Ken Offet
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
Gold Circle Promotions.
(07-16-85)

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

(As of August 27, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Carl Williams (New York)
3. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
4. Mike Weaver (California)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Greg Page (Kentucky)
7. Eddie Gregg (New York)
8. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
9. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
10. Jeff Sims (Florida)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
13. Larry Alexander (New York)
14. Dion Simpson (Michigan)
15. Kip Kane (Ohio)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
USBA Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Anthony Davis (California)
3. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
4. Henry Hearns (California)
5. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
6. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
7. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
8. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
9. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
12. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
13. Tim Thomas (California)
14. Cedric Parsons (California)
15. Pablo Pizarro (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
3. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
8. Junior Edmonds (New Jersey)
9. David Sears (New York)
10. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
11. Robert Folley (Arizona)
12. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
13. Jay Strickland (Texas)
14. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
15. Keith Vining (Michigan)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
USBA Championship
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Doug DeWitt (New York)
4. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
5. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
8. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
9. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
10. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
11. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
12. Iran Barkley (New York)
13. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
14. Carl Jones (California)
15. Alex Ramos (New York)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
7. Mardo Roybal (California)
8. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
9. Davey Moore (New York)
10. Lupe Aquino (California)
11. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
12. Julian Jackson (Florida)
13. Marlo Maldonado (New Jersey)
14. Thomas Smith (Texas)
15. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. David Hilton (Quebec)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Daryl Anthony (Missouri)
7. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
8. Donny Poole (Ontario)
9. Robert Rucker (New York)
10. Sanford Rieksk (New Jersey)
11. Pedro Villela (New York)
12. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
13. Herman Montes (California)
14. Diomedes Colome (California)
15. Eric Martin (California)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
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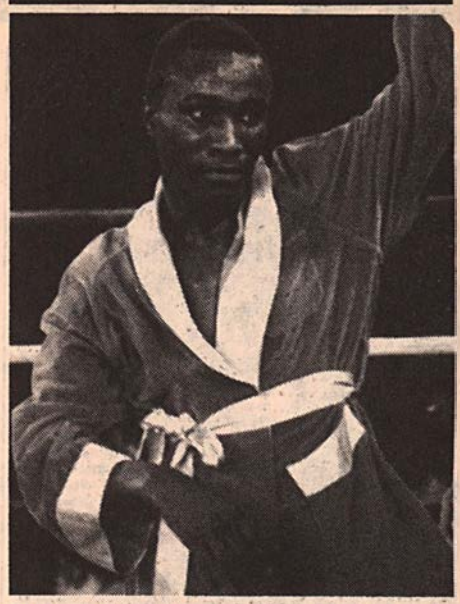

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Olympic flyweight champion Steve McCrory continued his winning ways in the pros with a six-round nod over Donnie Parker.

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Ice Arena**—The top tickets were $100, and ring-siders in tuxedos and fine dresses saw a fur coat fashion show, enjoyed fine *hors d'oeuvres*, met Muhammad Ali, and witnessed seven bouts. Ali had spent the day visiting children's hospitals in the area.

Steve Darnell, 162, Livonia, Mich., put Louis Bell, 157, Philadelphia, away rather quickly in a scheduled six-rounder. Darnell is now 9-0-1.

Olympic flyweight champion Steve McCrory, 123, Detroit, sent to 7-0-1 in the pro ranks with a unanimous (all 60-54) decision over a game Donnie Parker, also 123, Baltimore, six.

Dion Simpson, 225, used a crushing body attack to floor Brainard veteran Al Houck, 216, in the third round. Houck was unable to answer the bell for the fourth frame, bringing Simpson's log to 19-1

Lorenzo Cannady, 195, Detroit, won a 60-54, 59-54, 59-55 unanimous decision over Vernon (Bad News) Bridges, 194, formerly of Flint, but now fighting out of Detroit, six. Cannady, who overcame a cut near his left optic, is now 3-0. Bridges, floored in round one, is 5-12-1.

Dino Guzzi, 178, Rockwood, Mich., ran his log to 8-1 with a unanimous (59-55, 59-55, 58-56) decision over Ronnie Edwards, 181, Port Huron, Mich., six. Edwards is now 3-1.

Phillip Morefield, 162, Detroit, knocked out debuting Gary Davis, 160, Philadelphia, in 1:42 of the first session. Morefield is now 3-0.

Andre (Big Cat) Crowder, 194, Lima, Ohio, won a majority (39-37, 38-37, 38-38) decision over Anthony Brown (aka Anthony Wideman), 221, Detroit, four.

Among the new Michigan boxing rules which took effect July 1st is a stringent passbook regulation. A boxer cannot fight in Michigan if he does not have a passbook. The book is a good means of identification, but it is only as good and authentic as the people who produce it. An example is the passbook produced by Louis Bell of Philadelphia for this card, which showed that he was 4-0 with fights in Montreal, Puerto Rico, etc., and wins over Lloyd Taylor and Roberto Mendez. Let's hope that commissions take a close look at these passbooks, so that phony records are eliminated.

Referees—Dale Grable, Sam Williams.
Judges—Rose Grable, Chuck McHenry, Charles Fecay.
Ring Announcer—Wally Jackson.
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Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
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▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel-Casino**—The famed Kronk gym, under the energetic direction of Emanuel Steward, hasn't corraled all the boxing talent in metropolitan Detroit.

Darnell Knox made that point vividly clear, much to the dismay of high flying Roman George, with an auspicious western debut that enhanced his position as a potential contender and brought an assortment of financial and material rewards.

In a matchup of the elongated, with both boxers over six-feet, the 24-year-old Knox took the shortest route possible in winning ESPN's national junior middleweight title by TKOing the previously undefeated George, 24, out of Lafayette, La., at 2:35 of the seventh round in the Showboat's Sports Pavilion. The title distance was slated for 12.

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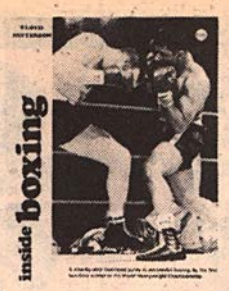

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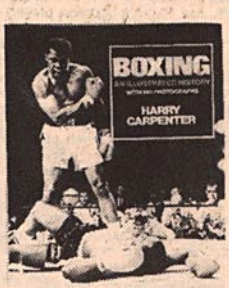

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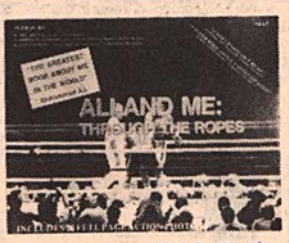

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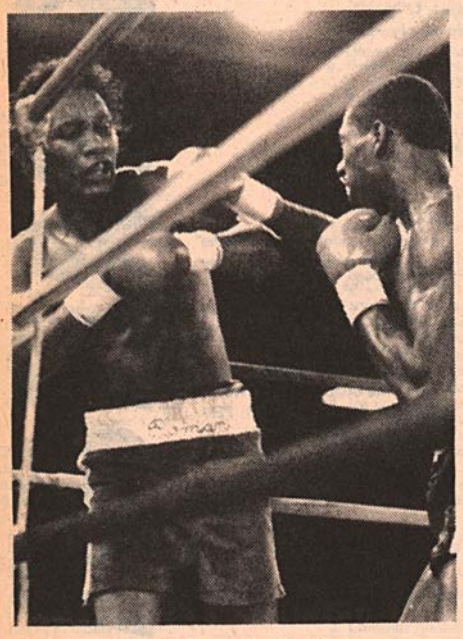
Knox, 153½, improved his credentials to 209-1 with 15 via kayoe, to earn $5,000 plus a $1,000 bonus, keys to a 1985 custom Buick (valued at $14,500), and a vacation for two at a site to determined later—all from the coffers of Top Rank, Inc.

George, 153¾, also picked up $5,000 in the mild upset as his record dipped to 16-1, 9 and perhaps a realization that the welterweight class may be a more suitable grouping for the boxer-puncher from Louisiana's Cajun country.

The personable Knox first started in the amateurs while playing high school basketball, but his biggest dream was a possible career in the NBA. Such ambitions were abruptly shattered one winter night in 1979 when Darnell was shot in the left leg by two holdup men in a fast food restaurant where he was working as a counterman.

The gunmen's bullet struck Knox below the left knee cap, shattering a bone and the hopes of playing serious basketball. The Motor City athlete completely recovered in three months and directed all his energies to boxing, where he fashioned a 70-6 amateur record before turning pro in 1981.



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Detroit's Darnell Knox (right) pins Roman George in a neutral corner just before scoring a fifth-round knockdown. Knox won the ESPN junior middleweight belt, stopping George in the seventh.

Ironically, Bill Miller, Knox's trainer, also conditioned Steward some national amateur awards in the 1960s before the latter turned to the strategy side of the sport, developing such world champions as Thomas Hearns, Milton McCrory, and Hilmer Kenty.

"If Manny saw this fight, I'm sure the phone will be ringing by the time we get home," Miller laughed. "But there's no way either Dennis Sprandel (manager), or myself would consider selling any part of Darnell's contract. I think Knox showed the country that there are still some good fighters in Detroit that don't belong to Kronk."

Knox used exceptionally good speed and a potent right hand to offset George's southpaw style, which had claimed Kenny Releford of Foprt Worth and Zack Hewitt of San Francisco in two Vegas outings since April.

George didn't win a round according to Las Vegas judges Jerry Roth and Paul Smith, who both had it 60-53. Localite Hal Miller marked it 58-55, giving the southerner the second and third rounds. *The Ring's* card for Knox was 59-54.

In the first of three knockdowns, Knox pinned George in a neutral corner in the fifth round and leveled him for referee Carlos Padilla's count with a left hook and a straight right.

Struggling to his feet at "eight." George tried to take the action to Knox and survived the round punching in flurries.

Aware he was falling behind, trainer John Stutes had George pressing early in the sixth round. But Knox set up a clothesline right to the jaw with a snapping jab and George was back on the floor. Again, Roman tried to slug with his rival and appeared to shake Knox with a flurry at the bell.

George seemed intent on punching with the heavier handed Knox, much to the irritation of his corner. The Michigan hopeful ended it in the seventh with three jabs and a booming right which split Roman's defense and left him flat on his back for the third time. Padilla signaled it was over before George's shoulders had touched the canvas.

"I had the power, but I wasn't as sharp as I wanted to be since I was off since April when I beat John Jarvis for the eastern title in Atlantic City," Knox explained. "I think I hit George the hardest on the first knockdown. He tagged me with a couple of good shots, but I was never hurt.

"I switched to southpaw a couple of times in the early rounds to try and confuse him. I knew my right jab was better than his right jab. I deliberately used a lot of lateral movement early because I wanted to see what he would do."

Kerry Daigle, who manages George, said the boxer would skip a projected bout in September and get back in the gym by November.

"I'm convinced Roman belongs in the welterweights because he definitely has more power there," Daigle advised. "George has a big heart, but he took more punishment in this fight than ever before. That's something we're going to correct."

Greg Haugen, a bombing lightweight from Auburn, Washington, moved up as a local attraction when he surprised veteran Freddie Roach with a TKO at 2:49 of the seventh round. Top Rank's co-feature was scheduled for 10.

The 24-year-old Haugen, 135½, extended his ledger to 12-09-1, six kayoes, with steady left hooks that the more experienced Roach, 136, was unable to escape. Roach, 25, having made 18 ESPN TV appearances, suffered the second stoppage of his career as his record fell to 38-9 with 14 knockouts.

Haugen cut Roach's right eyelid in the fourth round, and made the ever forward Freddie fight his fight until the sudden abbreviation. Haugen whacked Roach to the body twice and then decked him with a left hook. Freddie, rising with his hands down, came off the ropes into a double left hook and then went down from a left uppercut. Referee Davey Pearl looked into Roach's eyes as he struggled to rise and stopped the bout.

Eddie Futch, Roach's trainer, admitted "Freddie just kept walking into those lefts, and I could see he had nothing left after the second knockdown. I was going to stop it if Pearl hadn't."

Darrell Savoy, 129, a George stablemate from Lafayette, won the ESPN Western Regional junior lightweight title with a split eight-round decision over the taller Tony Pep, 127¾, Vancouver, B.C. Savoy ran his record to 15-0, eight kayoes, while Pep fell to 10-1 with five knockouts.

Joey Belnic, 140, Marysville, Wash., is now 7-0 with four kayoes after scoring a unanimous six-round decision over Rene Garcia, 140½, Caldwell, Idaho, who slipped to 9-6 with four knockouts.

John Smith, 176½, San Bernardino, Calif., posted a unanimous six-round decision over "Lightening" Bob Smith, 177, Las Vegas. The winner is now 6-2-1; the loser dropped to 4-2-2.

Vince Rascone, 158½, Las Vegas made it 5-0 with four kayoes with a six-round unanimous verdict over John Borman, 157, Phoenix.

(08-22-85)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—It was strictly a showcase bout, but interesting nonetheless. Bob Arum continued building Donald Curry into a megabuck attraction with non-title exposure, and this national TVer came off infinitely better than Donald's previous farce with James Green. Curry, 153¾, Ft. Worth, dismantled Pablo Baez, 153, Dominican Republic, with the deadly precision of a wrecking crew levelling a building in mid-block. But Pablo's courage played well to the champion's artistry, and made it a good fight. Donald has the tools, and, while a touch colorless, is both personable and articulate. With both his skills and charisma steadily sharpening, all he needs is exposure. And this fight gave him quite a bit.

The veteran Baez, who once challenged for Hearns' title, never won a round. In fact, he was lucky to survive most of them. Pablo tried to nullify the champion's skills by taking the fight inside, but had to wade through so much artillery that by the time he got there, he was too shell-shocked to take command. The Dominican's best offensive efforts came in last-ditch rallies to save himself from going under, including a left hook counter in the second that backed Curry off. "That was the first thing that entered my mind, that I couldn't get him out, so I tried to back off and regroup," Donald explained. If anything, Curry was criticized for "regrouping" too often, as it was suggested he may have carried his opponent. "No, I didn't," he alibied. "I tried to step back a couple of times to see how his eyes looked."

The only thing the "Lone Star Cobra" must have seen in Pablo's eyes was determination, and finally, in the sixth, Donald just poured it on. With Baez taking a savage beating in his own corner, a trainer tried to signal surrender by the novel method of inserting a stool under him! Referee Larry Hazzard kicked it back out, but then gave Pablo a standing eight, and stopped the scheduled 10 at 1:40. "I learned a little more about ring savvy, about where I was at what time, about throwing combinations, about working the body," the winner summarized.

Steve Cruz, 128, Ft. Worth, looked confused in the first, then figured out southpaw Juan Veloz, 129, Chihuahua, Mexico, and taught him a boxing lesson, for a unanimous win, 10. A left hook to the body dropped Veloz in the fifth, but Juan managed to give Steve a scare when the winner mysteriously fell apart and was in trouble in the final round. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Alex Medel, 142, Sunrise, Fla., impressed, demolishing Lindell Gonzalez, 144½, Brooklyn, for a two-knockdown TKO at 2:48 of the first in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Counterpunching Shadell Brown, 135¾, New York, put one over to drop and TKO Craig (Shining Star) Johnson, 133, Atlantic City, at 1:37 of the third in their scheduled four. "Star" was shining, relaxed, and got his light put out. Larry Hazzard, ref.

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(06-22-85)

▶**W. ORANGE—Essex Racquet Club**—Back at the scene of his first promotions after a brief shot at Atlantic City, Carlo Dee presented a card at an odd hour, late afternoon, on a steamy Sunday, with a resulting small house. Steve Little, 147, Reading, upset talented, but less-than-dedicated, Sanford Ricks, 142, E. Orange, by a close, but merited, split decision, 10. It was a rugged but unpleasing brawl, in which Little usejd his strength to advantage, overcoming the superior skills of Ricks. The loser, suffering from rust and fatigue, appears destined not to live up to his advance. Charlie Spina (6-4) and Ray Hoagland (6-3-1) voted correctly, while Al DeVito scored it for the loser (5-4-1). Ted Pick refereed.

Pat Prisco, 154¾, Madison, scored a unanimous win over Ed Priester, 153, Philadelphia, in a dull eight. Prisco managed to maneuver Ed out of position in a bout in which the expected mesh of styles just never developed. Randy Neumann, referee.

Talented Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 132, Plainfield, returned after dropping a refrigerator on his foot and dropped a hammer on Eddie Miranda, 132¼, Newark. A potent body attack crumpled Miranda twice for a TKO at 1:39 of the first round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Clarence Coleman, 137, Orange, got out of trouble in the second to beat lefty Frank Galarza, 137½, Brooklyn, by majority decision in an exciting four.

Ted Pick, ref.

John (Cannonball) Kinney, 138, Butler, N.J., scored a three-knockdown TKO over Paul Moore, 134, Philadelphia, in an explosive 2:19 of round one, scheduled four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Jesus Velez, 147, Dover, got a majority win over Mark Dawkins, 149, Philadelphia, in an awful, mauling four. Randy Neumann, refer ee.

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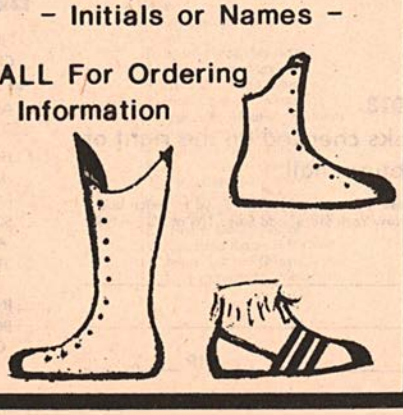

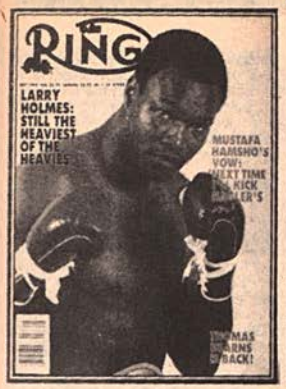

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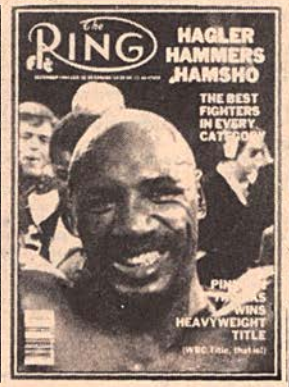

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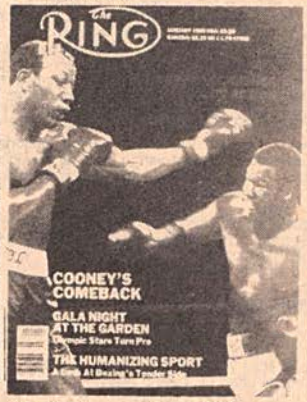

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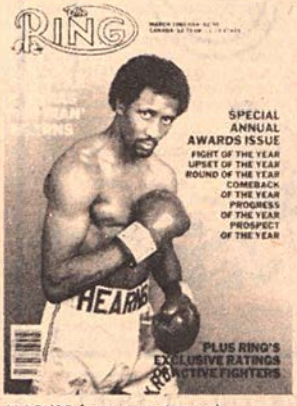

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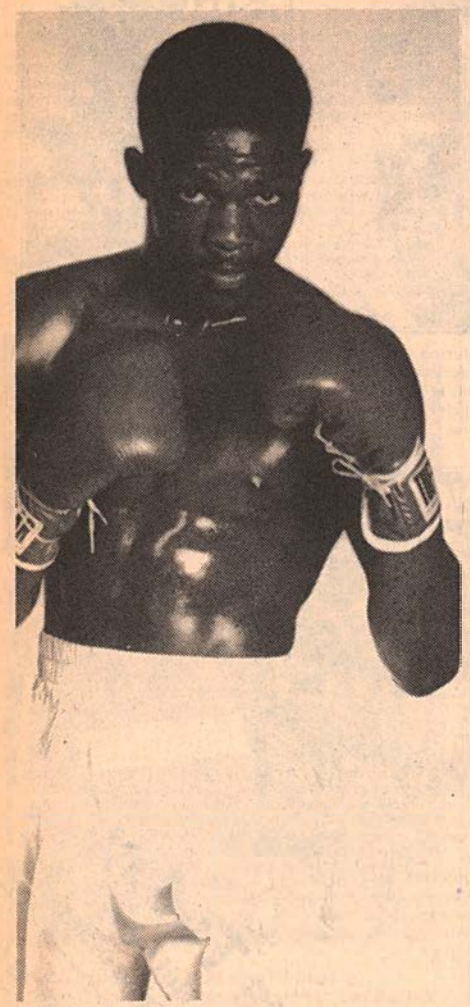


Calvin Grove is the new USBA featherweight champion by virtue of his 12-round decision over Irving Mitchell in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—The once-postponed USBA featherweight title match finally came off, but turned out a bit of an anti-climax. Champion Irving Mitchell, 126, San Diego, wh had food poisoning first time around, showed up, but didn't do much else. Challenger Calvin Grove, 126, Coatesville, Pa., lifted Irving's crown more by default than defeat in a dullish 12. It was a chess match in which what didn't happen was more significant than what did. Grove's new trainer, Carmine Graziano, on a roll since he had Carl Williams nearly pirate Larry Holmes' crown, taught Calvin his new "specificity of attack" method. Holding his left low to draw the southpaw's right jab, Calvin would then step away and fire crisp right leads. But he only managed a few per round, looking for the perfect shot, while the methodical champion worked more, but only pecked with his punches.

Grove finally found what he was seeking, when he staggered Mitchell in the eighth, and the same maneuver came back to drop Irving in the 10th. But the challenger failed to solidify his win, as he loafed away the 11th looking for another big payoff, then seemed to fumble his way, out of gas, to the finish line. The voting was unanimous: Harold Lederman, 116-111; Richard F. Murry, 118-109; Tony Castellano, 115-112. Tony Orlando refereed.

Sleeper David Savage, 159¾, Philadelphia, proved too sharp for brawling ticket-seller Mike Martinez, 160, Brooklyn, who got clobbered, then couldn't come out for the fourth of a scheduled eight, claiming a rib injury. Randy Neumann refereed.

Touted David Gauvin, 116, Houston, was made to look ordinary, eking out a split decision over tenacious Lawrence Cheatham, 112, Philadelphia, in a good six. The loser was down in the third. Tony Orlando, referee.

Billy Pickard, 138½, Atlantic City, and Rashid Ali, 139½, battled to a split draw, six. Randy Neumann, referee.

Sherman Griffin, 176¼, Houston, kayoed Alfred Shoffner, 177, Philadelphia, at 0:24 of the third in an explosive shoot-out, scheduled for four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Jerry Grant, 140¼, San Diego, won a unanimous decision over Anthony DeShields, 140, Philadelphia, four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—900 (est.).
Judges (undercard)—Richard F. Murry, Ted Larve, Joe Pasquale.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(06-28-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—James Shuler's path to glory against Marvin Hagler had a humble beginning. In his first bout since leaving Butch Lewis to join Joe Hand, Shuler, 159¾, Philadelphia, struggled to a unanimous verdict over veteran Jerry Holley, 160, Orlando, 10. The bout served two purposes: to get the rust off of Shuler, and to develop him into a megabuck threat to Marvelous Marvin. The first was smart; James definitely needed the work. The second wasn't well-served; "Black Gold" hardly showed the polish to dazzle the champ.

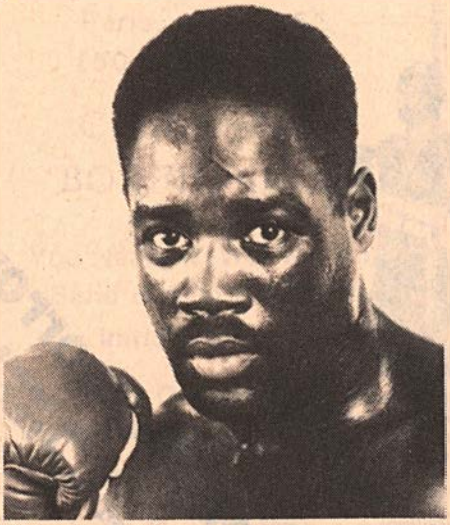
The retread Holley was more than just an opponent. Now managed by the Petronellis, he served as an advance man for Hagler. "I want him to take something back with him when he goes," Shuler declared going in. "You know Hagler's going to ask him everything . . ." But Jerry did more than just scout. After a cautious start, he launched a prolonged rally in the third, which stunned the favorite and fortified the underdog. From then on, Shuler found himself in a dogfight. He managed to outscore Holley in most rounds, but was doing it on raw physical ability, something he'd never get away with against Marvin. But perhaps the 10 tough rounds were just the ticket to sharpen up. Jerry's gritty stand won the sympathies of the crowd, who booed the lop-sided verdict. William Kostrub scored 8-2, Lynne Carter 9-0-1, and Eugene Grant 10-0. Joe Cortez refereed.

In twin eights, the ESPN junior welter tourney got underway, with two Jersey comebackers upstaging glittery Michigan opposition in good bouts. Bruce Williams, 141, Palmyra, halted lefty Glen Smith, 139¾, Bay City, at 2:27 of the final found. The classy but too-contained Williams had Smith nearly gone in the second, when ref Paul Venti administered a standing eight. But Glen's hustle kept him around. With Bruce leading comfortably on the cards, Glen tried for a big finish in the final session. Trying to tee Williams up for a bomb, he was met by a sharp right counter that sent him reeling across the ring and down, with Venti stopping the contest.

Now managed by hulking but fiery "Big" Bob Botto, Juan Ramon Santana, 139, Camden, chopped up Kronk's speedy but fragile Joe (Blue Juice) Johnson, 138¾, Detroit, who was being hammered all over the ring when rescued by Cortez at 2:05 of the fourth.

Alex Medel, 142¼, Sunrise, Fla., was too much for game Greg Shannon, 143, Altoona, PA, who was dropped in the second, and again for a TKO at 2:04 of the fourth in a scheduled six. Paul Venti, referee.

Southpaw Mike Wright, 147¾, Lynchburg, Va., got a K.O. off a questionable effort by Tyrone Hatcher, 146, Cleveland, who flopped on his face after a left uppercut in 2:03 of the first round in their scheduled six. Paul Venti, referee.
Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—600 (est.).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(07-04-85)



James (Hard Rock) Green battled Robert Hines to a 10-round draw in crowd-pleasing brawl at the Sands in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Just a week after Donald Curry recouped from the bad publicity of the James Green debacle. Green himself did likewise. Though much less publicized, "Hard Rock," 155, Irvington, roared to a crowd pleasing draw with Robert Hines, 154¼, Philadelphia, in a pitched battle, 10. Hines started sharp, outclassing the pressing Green with wellplaced combinations. But James outsmarted Hines, and changed the terms of battle with a nifty move in the fourth. A cute stutter step and left feint, followed by a sharp right, dropped Robert on his seat. "I had to give him that one," Hines later grinned. "I tried to slug with him, and he nailed me with a good shot . . . I dropped my hands to get more power, and that's when he came over the top."

James went all out to make it a brawl, battering Robert along the ropes through the fifth. But he couldn't find the handle again, once throwing Hines down in desperation, and tiring himself out in the effort. Robert rebounded in the sixth, before Green made his final charge in the seventh. James tired down the stretch, and Hines was content to let him rest until an early bell in the final round gave Green new life. Hard Rock's manager, Lou Duva, charged ref Joe O'Neil, and demanded a recount. When it was determined only two minutes had elapsed, the fight was renewed, to say nothing of Green, who made an all-out assault that enabled him to earn a draw. The judging was good, despite the divergence. It was that kind of fight. John Stewart had Green, 5-4-1; William Kostrub voted Hines, 6-4; and Rich Strange had it 5-5. A draw can mean two positive efforts, or two negative ones. Both fighters seem happy this time. "I think this was a fair decision," Hines summarized.

Peltz Boxing suffered a crushing setback when Bryan (Boogaloo) Jones, 120, Philadelphia, couldn't keep out of the way of a sweeping left hook, got dropped in the first by Felix Marquez, 116, New Haven, inched back into the fight, then was blasted out cold at 1:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Steve Smoger refereed.

Tony Thornton, 161, Glassboro, N.J., had a field day with Tom Davenport, 161, London, W. Va., scoring a two-knockdown TKO at 0:52 of the second in a scheduled eight. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Anthony Boyle, 126, Kensington, did likewise to out-of-shape Marvin (The Mixer) Adams (who fought like he'd been mixing drinks), 127, Charleston, W. Va. Adams dropped, exhausted, for a TKO at 2:37 of the second in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, ref.

Andre Haddock, 156, Philadelphia, took a close but unanimous verdict over Vernon Dawkins, 153, Philadelphia, in a hard fought four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Howard Stewart, 147¼, Kensington, floored Billy Hill, 146½, Washington, D.C., with a sharp body-head combo for a TKO at 1:39 of the third in their scheduled four. Steve Smoger, ref.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—600 (est.).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—The fights were certainly action-packed, but hardly the kind that do the sport proud. In a scheduled 10, Joe Manley, 143, Atlantic City, destroyed overmatched George Brown, 142, Bay City, Mich., via Fayetteville, N.C., with a TKO at 1:01 of the seventh. A gritty kid with more promise than polish, Brown had never fought a main event, let alone a contender. A perfect right counter slingshotted him to the floor in the third, but the too-classy Manley typically wasted time posing, and let the determined prospect back into the fight. Finally, a sneak right had Brown ready to fall in the sixth. Though he slithered to safety, he was still in no condition coming out for the seventh. A leaping left hook vaulted him to the canvas, and ref Larry Hazzard waved it over. Brown had to be taken to the hospital, but was fortunately discharged the next morning. Matchmaker Ron Katz got off lucky.

The eight-round semi could have been used in a documentary to ban the sport, as Tim Broady, 176, Jersey City, and Darryl Spain, 171¾, Cleveland, pounded away on each other in an artless thriller. Broady's vicious body attack and left hooks were matched by Spain's sneak right leads, as both were rocked at least once in every round. Though fans snickered when Spain was announced as "The Atomic Dog," there was no mutt in Darryl. Last-ditch rallies repeatedly saved him until a booming left hook caused his whole body to sag limply onto the ropes, where ref Ted Pick saved Darryl at 0:50 of the fifth.

In a scheduled six, one-time knockover turned spoiler, Andra Hayes, 175¾, Asbury Park, completely dominated a confused Jimmy Ruoff, 175¼, Shillington, PA, dropping him once in the second and twice in the fifth for a TKO at 2:44—his first defeat. Larry Hazzard, referee.

In a wild shootout, scheduled for four, lefty James (Little Bonecrusher) Smith, 154, Moorehead City, N.C., dropped hopeless Stew Burroughs, 154½, Lambertville, N.J., twice in the first, then rendered him helpless with a shot just after the bell ending the second. Though fans booed angrily, referee Pick awarded Smith a TKO when Burroughs couldn't continue.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie & Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Attendance—SRO, 1000 (est.).
Judges—Ron Burns, Milo Savage, Frank Brunette.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(07-10-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Though criticized by some rivals (notably Bob Arum) for feeding their heroes "setups," the Duvas have, in truth, had their Olympians and other stars simply outshine would-be tough opposition. Not so this day, as the Duva stable ran a gamut of performances, from stellar victory to shocking defeat. In the top bout, Tyrell Biggs, 222, Philadelphia, was most impressive, stopping Eddie Richardson, 217, Tyler, Texas, at 1:55 of the third round in a scheduled six. Trainer George Benton has Biggs trying to dispel his unpopular, defensive image by standing and slipping, rather circling out of harm's way. If successful, the boxing world is in for a treat. "When Lou and George first started showing me how to catch punches, the first ten days I had bruises under my eyes. My ose was bleeding every day," Biggs confessed. "I said, 'To hell with this, I'm moving.' "

Though the crude, clubbing Richardson wasn't too difficult to duck, Tyrell did put on a noteworthy display, both on defense and offense. In brisk action, the Olympian stood in the Texan's face and beat him to the punch with short, jolting combinations. The game Richardson refused to fall, but was being systematically taken apart when ref Tony Orlando rescued him.

Virgil Hill, 172, Grand Forks, N.D., wasn't as impressive, scoring a unanimous win over finicky Dawud Shaw, 171¾, chester, Pa., six. Virgil started great guns, but petered out after three and had to struggle, ending with both eyes puffed. "I'm not real satisfied," Hill admitted. "I still have too many amateur tendencies." Steve Smoger, referee.

In a sensational battle on the inside, touted Terrence Simpson, 160, Bronx, had the ability, but underdog Ralph Smiley, 163¾, Ithaca, had the determination, and held Terrence to a split draw, six. Tony Orlando, referee.

In a rematch after just three weeks, Pat Lyons, 147¾, St. Marys, Pa., got help from the judges to hold conqueror Kevin Vieldhouse, 146¼, Wayne, N.J., to a majority draw, six. Though the first was a stinker, this one was good. But Lyones only flurried, while Kevin "made" the fight. Shame on judges Frank Brunette and Rocky Castellani for this. Phil Newman scored it for Vieldhouse. Steve Smoger, referee.

Pedro Rivera, 141¼, Camden, dished out a beating to Darrell (Kid Chocolate) Mitchell (now calling himself "Destruct & Destroy"), 143¼, New York, via a unanimous verdict, six. Steve Smoger, ref.

In a sensational upset, Luis Castillo, 137, New York, demolished Eldrick Taylor, 136, Philadelphia, forever silencing the "he's-better-than-his-brother" know-it-alls, at 2:43 of the second in a scheduled four. Taylor was floored, then given a standing eight by ref Smoger.

In the only stinker, Francesco Damiani, 226, Ravenna, Italy, dropped and TKO'd in-for-a-payday Rick Kellar, 226, Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 1:26 of the first round in a scheduled six. Keller is "trained" by Bruce Strauss, but his performance proved there's only one "Mouse." Tony Orlando, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—700 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(07-13-85) **J.R. JOWETT**

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—James Kinchen, 162, San Diego, Calif., TKO'd Frank Minton, 166, Indianapolis, Ind. at 2:36 of round nine in a scheduled 10.

This one slowly heated up, but as it did, Kinchen slowly took charge. The taller and rangy Minton finally got rattled good in round nine, enough so that, even without a knockdown, referee Tony Perez stepped in to stop it. Minton also suffered a cut left eye earlier in that round.

Both boxers had nice quick hands, but both lacked the emotion to really fire up the crowd. Sorry, once again, "The Heat" was on low.

Lupe Aquino, 155, Santa Paula, Calif., got a rather soft touch win, as he TKO'd Carl Riskus, 154, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 1:06 of round three, set for 10.

Carl held his own in the first two sessions, but Lupe was unfazed. The game Riskus caved in near his own corner as a volley of well placed shots dropped him. He did manage to right himself, but ref Perez had seen enough.

In typical (when he wins, that is) "country" fashion, Lionel Byarm, 176, Philadelphia, stumbled ever forward, heart on imagined sleeve, to victory as he grabbed a unanimous 10-round decision over Robert Folley, 175¾, Irvington, N.J.

Folley had his timing, legs, and heart in rounds one through three, but the never say die Byarm hung tough and then got even tougher as he laid his head on Roberts' chest and took away his timing, legs, and heart.

Scores: Rocky Castellani, 6-4; Ted Larve, 5-4-1; John Stewart, 6-3-1. *The Ring* saw it 6-4, giving Folley rounds one, two, three and nine. Byarm now is 11-3-2, four kayoes; Folley fell to 12-2, six knockouts.

Clarence Coleman, 140¾, Newark, N.J., upped his record to 4-0-1 (one by kayo) with a six-round unanimous decision over Rich McCain, 140¼, Philadelphia. McCain, who has a below 500 won-lost mark, nevertheless can be a bothersome opponent. He got up off the floor in round tjwo to virtually keep it even the rest of the way. Joe O'Neil, referee.

In a sham of a bout, southpaw Jerry Grant, 140¼, San Diego, won a four-round unanimous decision over noted loser Wyatt Simkins, 143¼, Philadelphia. Wyatt was down early in round one and "fought" out of a shell for the balance of the bout. Simkins was billed as 2-5-1 going in, but it's more like 2-22-1. The commission should suspend themselves for allowing garbage such as this to be passed off as competitive boxing. Tony Perez, referee.

Promoters—Elbaum & Menas.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Darien.
(07-30-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—Marlon (Magic Man) Starling, 146, Hartford, Conn., (now residing in South Windsor) got himself nothing more than a good workout as he whipped the willing but out gunned Reggie Miller, 148, Lake Charles, La., over the 10-round route.

Starling, now 34-3 with 21 kayoes, proved much too strong and aggressive for his 20-year-old foe, who fought nearly the entire 30 minutes going backward.

Good defense (as always), solid body work (ditto) and a tireless willingness to lay inside and work, brought Starling the unanimous verdict. Miller, who looked like he was going to get blown away in round one, showed grit in staying in there all the way.

Scores: Gene Hart, 10-0; Tom Kaczmarek, 6-4; Richard F. Murry, 7-2-1. The ref was Frank Cappuccino.

George Brooks, 141½, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., but now calling Malaga, N.J. home (thereby being closer to trainer Carmine Graziano), won a six-round unanimous decision over Jose Alejandro, 139, No. Bergen, N.J.

The tall Brooks is usually in wars, but this one was rather tame, as he handled his much more experienced foe with boxing rather than punching. The referee was Joe O'Neil. Brooks is now 5-1-2 with two kayoes. Alejandro, a southpaw, is reported to be 12-7-3 with two knockouts.

In a walk-out bout involving new faces to the pro ranks, Evan Scott, 175, Newark, N.J., halted southpaw Ricky Simmons, 168, Washington, D.C., at 2:50 of round two in a scheduled four.

Simmons, who was running low on fuel, sat on the ropes after absorbing a body shot and was in no condition to go on after getting the mandatory eight count from referee Cappuccino.

Joe Loving, 136½, Rochester, N.Y., came off a bad first round to win a four-round unanimous decision over Hilario Mercedes, 136¾, Bronx, N.Y. Joe O'Neil, referee. Both boxes came in at 1-1. Good action bout.

Ismael Negron, 146½, Newark, N.J., won a six-round unanimous decision over Greg Tutt, 147¼, Philadelphia. The chief difference in a sparkling give-and-take affair was the left hook knockdown of Tutt in round four. While two of the judges had the bout even in rounds, they went to the points to break the tie and give it to the much taller Negron. The ref was Cappuccino. Negron is now 5-2, three kayoes; Tutt, 5-2, four knockouts.

Mike Peoples, 147¾, Montecello, N.Y., won a close, hard fought six-round unanimous decision over stringbean Mike Tricarrico, 144¾, Brooklyn, N.Y. Mike never did make full use of his reach advantage and the junk mix 'em up style of Peoples seemed to impress the judges. The referee was O'Neil.

Promoter—HBA (East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-07-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—I was all set to write that Troy (School Boy) Wortham flunked an exam for the first time and that Curtis Summit summed it up best with a straight forward approach to victory. But alas, yours truly was thwarted when I and just about everyone in the room were dumb founded to hear that Troy had officially scaled the Summit via a ten-round split decision.

Wortham, 149½, Hartford, Conn., a recent winner of a cable TV tournament, looked like he was just coming off a long vacation. Summit, 146½, Fayetteville, N.C., came to fight, even if at times he didn't know how.

Though the bout may have been close in rounds, it seemed very unlikely that they (you know who the infamous "they" are) would "steal" it from the very aggressive Summit. Wortham was, for the most part, making it easy by backing to the ropes, or either leaning on or grabbing the neck of Summit as a time killing, negative approach.

Summit may not have looked pretty, but he at least looked like he was interested enough to want to win. Wortham gave the distinct impression he would have rather been in a classroom than a ring. Troy was the more experienced and he did capitalize on Summit's awkwardness. Lacking finesse, Curtis would often just strength his way to Wortham's chest and bull him to the ropes; that is, if Troy hadn't already put himself there out of desparation.

The bout got off to a slow start but heated up in round three when Troy realized he had a fight on his hands. It was close to the end, but when the crowd heard the scores, a strong chorus of booing followed. Scoring: Frank Cairo, 6-4, and Lawrence Wallace, 5-4-1, Wortham; *The Ring* agreed with John Stewart and his 5-4-1 card for Summit. The referee was Frank Cappuccino. Troy is now 24-0 with 13 kayoes, Curtis fell to 11-1-1 with seven knockouts.

Ismael Negron, 153 ¾, Newark, N.J., never looked better as he took apart the usually tough-as-nails Angel Sindo, 154, Deptford, N.J. The end came at 2:57 of round six when referee Rudy Battle wisely decided that Sindo had taken just about enough. It was scheduled for eight.

Sindo, who now drops to 7-5-2, four by knockout, was decked in round two. Even though outgunned by the taller Negron, Angel wouldn't quit; it took the ref to end it. Both boxers came to rumble. Negron is now 6-2 with four kayoes.

Southpaw Murray Frazier, 139, Philadelphia, and Al Laddie, 141¼, Fayetteville, N.C., went at it in a hotly paced six. Frazier, handled by "Uncle" Joe, took a unanimous decision, but it wasn't that easy. Scores: Wallace, 4-1-1; while both Stewart and Cairo saw it 5-1. Frazier, in the family tradition, just put too much pressure on the rather inexperienced (now 2-2) Laddie. Murray upped his log to 9-2 with two kayoes. The referee was Cappuccino.

In a furious all-out slugging war, Mike Goudeau, 140½, St. Louis, TKO'd Alan Gay, 140, Wichita, Kansas, at 0:31 of round four in a scheduled six. Both men entered the ring with identical marks of 7-0, three Kayoes. The referee was Battle.

Both came out to strike their claims with a vengeance. Gay was dropped by a short right in mid-round, but, just before the bell, he decked Goudeau with his own short right. The action continued in round two with Gay having the advantage. Late in round three, Gay was sent to the canvas via a long right hand. He never managed to recover during the rest period and was virtually out on his feet when Battle jumped in to stop it.

Tony Pruitt, 118, Philadelphia, TKO'd Alfredo Aleman, 121½, Bronx, N.Y., at 1:50 of round three in a scheduled six. "Hot Lava" Pruitt was backing up the taller Aleman most of the way. Alfredo hung in there as best he got until a barrage of blows forced him into a neutral corner, whereupon he started to slide to the canvas. Just at that moment, ref Cappuccino leaped in to halt the bout. He ruled no knockdown. Pruitt is now 7-0, three Kayoes; Aleman is now listed as 2-3 with one knockout win.

Going in, the tall Carlos Cartejena, 132¼, New York, was only 1-0, but he had too much for the debuting Troy Rand, 135¼, Phila. The tall Rand could not use his reach to advantage against the equally tall New York southpaw.

Though Troy did manage to gain an edge in the first round, he had nothing left by the middle of the second, and turned away in surrender without going down. Referee Battle then moved in to stop it at the 1:31 mark of the second. It was scheduled for four.

Overall, this was possibly the best action card of 1985 in Atlantic City. Another in a string of recent quality cards put together by HBA (East), Jeff Levine and, of course, Ron Katz.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter—HBA (East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
(08-21-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 145, Brentwood, New York, dished out a first class beating to timeworn Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez, 144, Allentown, Pa., opening a cut near his left eye in round four and battering him with left hooks until a particularly hard punch caused the former USBA champion to momentarily shake his head. Referee Carl Schroeder took it as a signal to step in at 1:35 of the seventh session, giving Buddy his 19th kayo in a 21-0-1 pro record. Rodriguez, who protested the stoppage, is now 30-13 with 10 knockouts.

Troy Darrell, 153½, New Rochelle, N.Y., won a unanimous decision over Clayton Hires, also 153½, Denver, 10. Scoring: George S. Colon, 8-2; Paddy Dolan, 10-0; Eva Shain, 9-1. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee. Darrell is now 20-0 with 17 kayoes. Hires, who gave Darrell a good workout, is 12-9 with nine knockouts.

Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 159½, Harlem, New York, knocked out Norberto Sabater, 161½, Brooklyn, with a dynamite right hand in 1:21 of round two in their scheduled 10. Barkley is now 14-3 with 11 knockouts. Sabater is 22-7 with eight kayoes. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Leon Taylor, 174, Brooklyn, TKO'd Marcus Jackson, also 174, Hartford, Conn., at the end of three rounds in a scheduled six. Bill Tate, referee.

Dennis Milton, 156, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Willie Monroe, 157½, Rochester, six. Scoring: George S. Colon and Eva Shain, both 5-1; Paddy Dolan, 4-2. Bill Tate, referee.

Ray Doughty, 137½, Waterbury, Conn., TKO'd debuting Antonio Ratliff, 141, Bronx, New York, at 2:51 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. Bill Tate, referee.

Edwin Diaz, 155, Bronx, New York, spoiled the pro debut of William Richardson, 150½, Bronx, with a unanimous (4-0 on all three cards) decision, four. (Paddy Dolan gave Diaz an extra point in the last round.) Arthur Mercante, referee.

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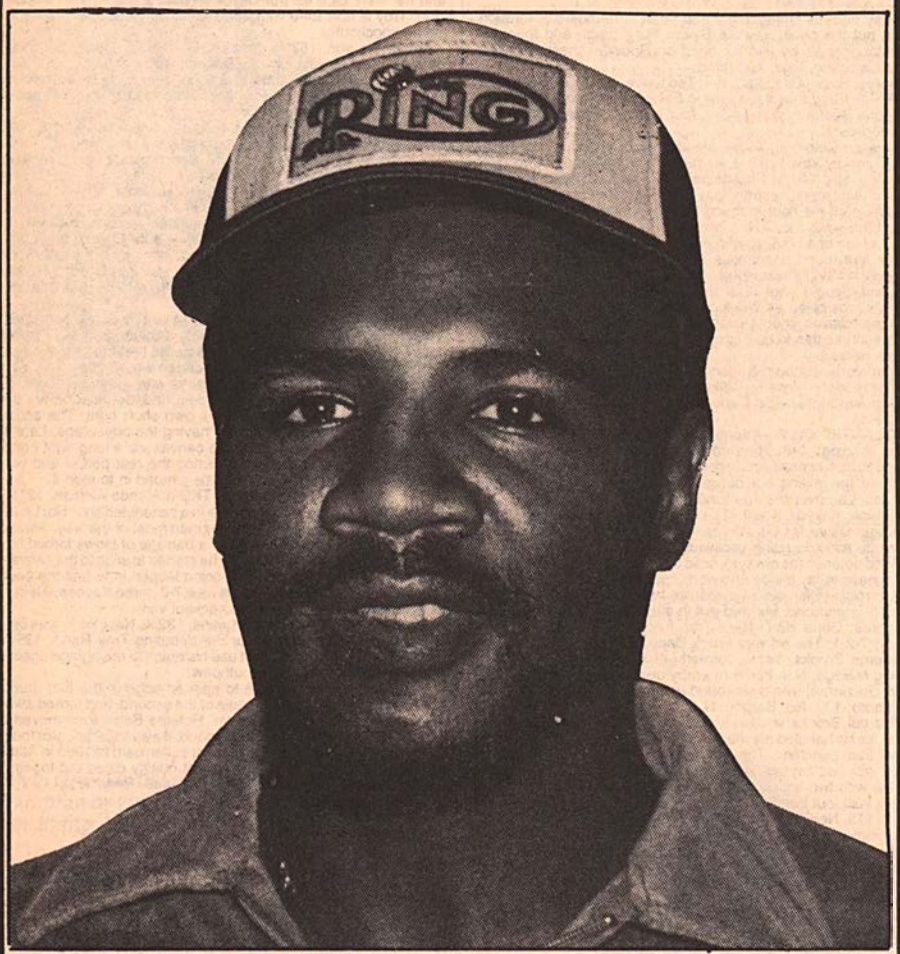

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PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Marvin Garris, 135, Philadelphia, won the vacant state lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Victor Flores, 135, Philadelphia, 12. This was the first of the revived state titles that wasn't contested like a third World War. While Flores has a normally mechanical style, Garris, who usually attacks with reckless abandon, paced himself with an eye on the distance. The result, a gruelling contest in a packed, steamy arena, was hard-fought, but without fireworks. Marvin broke open an even contest, as well as Victor's right eye, in the seventh. Flores was visibly bothered, and got himself rocked by a left hook, with Garris pulling away in subsequent rounds. The scoring was erratic, with Al Morris a reasonable 56-52, Carol Polis 55-54, and Lynne Carter 59-50. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Tricky spoiler Miguel Montero, 149, Philadelphia, used height, reach, and boxing ability to upset a game Brian McGinley, 149, Kensington, by unanimous decision in a good eight. McGinley was dropped in the second, battled back on grit, but tired trying to reach the taller Montero in the stretch. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Jose Neris, 113, Atlantic City, impressed, demolishing classy Eddie Fisher, 116, Philadelphia, who was down twice in the second, and couldn't come out for the third of four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Anibal Perez, 156, Philadelphia, returned with a good win over Doug Powers, 152½, Philadelphia, by unanimous decision, four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Howard Stewart, 143½, Philadelphia, took a narrow majority verdict over lefty Brian Britt, 141, Camden, in a good four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Two behemoths brought down the house, and nearly the ring, as Tom Bacon, 256, Philadelphia, kayoed Zakee Muhammad, 246, Kensington, with a clubbing right, in 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—950. Gross—$9,000 (est.).
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Frank Talent.
(07-16-85)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—The hot find of reactivated Cloverlay Ltd. fighter-to-watch John David Jackson, was showcased with a relatively easy win over trialhorse Robert Thomas. Jackson, 157, Bridgeport, Pa., pitched a virtual shutout over the slippery, but ineffective, Thomas, 158, Philadelphia, in a showy boxing match that lacked fireworks, eight. Rudy Battle, referee.

Monty Sherrick, 132½, Fishtown, took apart "Junior Honeyboy" Walker, 135, Philadelphia, who went down under a solid body attack in the third, and couldn't come out for the fourth round of a slated six. Tommy Reid, referee.

Steve Sheeran, 161½, Upper Darby, put on a strong performance, winning a unanimous verdict over tough Billy Rich, 160, Camden, in an exciting six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Always overmatched Lawrence Cheatham, 110, Philadelphia, finally got an overdue win, demolishing a surprised neighborhood ticket-seller, debuting Carlos "Mean Machine" Pena, 112½, Philadelphia, via a two-knockdown TKO at 2:46 of the first round in a scheduled four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Darnell Stills, 183½, Camden, octopussed his way to an undeserved majority draw against at-least-trying Mike Harris, 182, Philadelphia, in a mauling four. One vote to Harris, Tommy Reid, referee.

Another hard-luck loser, Joey Ropeno, 148, Reading, was robbed with a majority draw against gritty but outgunned Chris Bajor, 146,. Kensington, in a sensational four. One vote to Ropeno. Tommy Reid, referee.

Promoter—Joe Hand.
Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—400. Gross—$5,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale,Joe Sweeney, Joe O'Neil.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(07-18-85)

J. R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Veteran New York middleweight Norberto Sabater TKO'd Mark Allman, Memphis, at 1:06 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Jim Kidd, referee. Allman, now 12-6, was ahead until he got caught with a hook.

Knox Brown, Memphis, went to 10-2-1 with a unanimous decision over Robert Thomas, Memphis, six.

Steve Erhart, St. Louis, won a unanimous decision over John Collins, Jackson, Tenn., six, lightweights.

Mike Gallahan, New York, stopped David Curry, Memphis, at 2:30 of the first round in their scheduled six-round heavyweight bout.

Darrell Peppers, Nashville, halted Billy Trendley of St. Louis at 1:58 of the third round in a scheduled four-round light heavyweight contest.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland.
Judges—Gilbert Beam, Joe Hadley, Sr., Garland, Kidd.
Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
(08-06-85)

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—Knox Brown, Memphis, kayoed Sandy Williams, Little Rock, with a booming right in 1:48 of the fourth session in the scheduled 10-round main event. Brown is now 11-2-1.

Mark Allman, Memphis, TKO'd Earl Thomas, who failed to answer the bell for the third round.

Welterweight Darrell Fuller, Jackson, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over J.D. Dobbins, Little Rock, six.

Lightweight Randy Edens, Nashville, won a unanimous decision over Jackie Bedwell, Jackson, Tenn., four.

Stan Holt, Nashville, won a unanimous decision over Marcellus Jackson, Memphis, four.

Middleweight Lester Yarborough, Jackson, Tenn., TKO'd Bruce Card, Memphis, at 2:43 of the third round. Jim Kidd, referee.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland.

Judges—Ken Roach, Joe Hadley, Sr., Bob McCullough, Garland.

Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.

Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.

Promoter—Tom Harmon.

Matchmaker—Red Fortner.

Ring Physician—Joe Wilhite, M.D.

(08-06-85)

MICHAEL GLENN

CANADA

ONTARIO

▶**SARNIA—Civic Arena**—Alex Williamson, 214, Sarnia, TKO'd Jeff Freeney, 205, Buffalo, New York, who took two eight-counts in the fourth session and failed to answer the bell for round six of the scheduled eight.

Ronnie Edwards, 179, Detroit, won a unanimous (29-26, 29-28, 28-26) decision over Tony Morrison, 180, Toronto, six.

Donavan Boucher, 145, Toronto, won a unanimous (all 30-24) decision over Zest Holmes, 144½, Detroit, six. Boucher was too slick for Holmes to handle.

John Kalbhen, 135, Toronto, won a unanimous (30-24, 30-24, 30-25) decision over Kenny Smith, 134½, Detroit, six.

Bill York, 178, Sarnia, won a split (20-16, 20-18, 18-19) decision over Bernie Grass, Sarnia, four.

Terry Francis, 155, Toronto, won a unanimous (20-16, 20-17, 19-17) decision over Richard Roland, 154, Detroit, four.

Referees—C. Williams, B. Watson, Bobby Bell.

Judges—J.J. McLean, J. Godfrey, B. Watson.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillilo.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. M. Omalony, Dr. R. Brown.

Promoter—Stan Williamson.

Attendance—1,000 (estimated).

(08-15-85)

FRANK ALLNUTT

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Hermogenes Murillo, 107½, stopped Carlos Agrazal, 108, at 0:39 of the eighth round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Bernardino Moreno, 116, outpointed Ernesto Sanchez, 115¼, Dominican Republic, 10.

Francisco Arroyo, 122, outscored Edwin Rangel, 120, 10.

Luis Portocarrero, 132, TKO'd Marcial Bonilla, 129¼, at 1:10 of the third round in a scheduled four.

(07-13-85)

▶**COLON—Panama Al Brown Gymnasium**—Virgilio Chifundo, 107¼, retained his Latin American junior flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Benedicto Murillo, 106½, 12.

Bernardo Pinango, 122½, Venezuela, stopped previously unbeaten Jose Meneses, 121¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Meneses, who holds wins over Raul Gonzalez and Marcelo Beckford, came into this bout as the World Boxing Association's sixth ranked junior feather.

Four-rounders: Jose Racero, 134¼, outscored Ramon Caicedo, also 134¼. Leonardo Solis, 131¾, halted Jorge Allen, 133¾, akt 2:20 of the second. Fabrice Benichon, 118, won a split decision over Gerardo Rodriguez, 120. Fabian Salazar, 119¾, outpointed Joaquin Betegon, 122½.

(07-19-85)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Alberto Castro, 112, Colombia, retained his Latin American flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over Dominican Ernesto Sanchez, also 112, 12.

Jose Marmolejo, 125¾, retained his Latin American featherweight title by stopping Virgilio Barrera, 125¼, at 0:54 of the first round in their scheduled 12.

Mario Moreno, 135, TKO'd Pedro Velez, also 135, Colombia, at 2:17 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Felipe Nino, 163½, stopped Armando Williams, 163¼, at 1:59 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Orlando Legal, 119, TKO'd Omar Benitez, 118¾, at 1:02 of the fourth and final session.

(08-03-85)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Central American & Caribbean junior flyweight champion Hermogenes Murillo, 108, won a unanimous decision over Alan de Leon, 107, 10. Murillo is now 15-9-1.

Former world title challenger Victor Sierra, 109, won a unanimous decision over Roy Thompson, 109¼, 10.

Bernardino Moreno, 119¼, knocked out Miguel Urriola, 120¼, in 2:09 of the seventh in their scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Julio Cesar Alvarado did not even bother to count after Urriola went down from a short right cross to the head.

Luis Newman, 120, won by a disqualification over Edwin Rangel, also 120, at 0:36 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Luis Mendoza warned Rangel twice for butting; the third time, he just stepped between the fighters and raised Newman's hand.

Armando Racero, 108¾, won a unanimous decision over Silvio Largacha, 109¾, six. Racero was coming off a 21-month lay-off.

Attendance—553.

(08-18-85)

▶**NOTES**—Bernardino Moreno died eight hours after his victory over Miguel Urriola.

The cause of death was a "ruptured vessel in the retroperitonial region," resulting in a massive internal hemorrage. The rupture could have been caused by a blow, during, before, or after the bout.

Moreno, the fifth ring death in Panama in over 60 years, was buried on Tuesday, August 20th. Former world champions Ismael Laguna, Rafael Ortega, and Rafael Pedroza were among the pallbearers.

Moreno, only 23, was married and the father of a three-year-old girl. His pro record was 11-4-3.

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**CORRIENTES—Club Cordoba**—Argentine bantamweight champion Lucio Lopez halted Chilean Jorge Miranda in seven. (07-12-85)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero**

CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS
BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
(AS OF AUGUST 25, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Dokes (U.S.)
1. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
2. Luis Lozano (Panama)
3. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
4. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
5. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
6. Carl Williams (U.S.)
7. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
8. Jose Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)
9. Larry Alexander (U.S.)
10. Kip Kane (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
5. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
6. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
7. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
8. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
9. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
10. Jeff Lampkin (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
3. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
4. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
5. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
6. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
7. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
8. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
10. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
1. Alex Hilton (Canada)
2. Charlie Carter (U.S.)
3. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
4. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
5. Don Lee (U.S.)
6. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Canada)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
10. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Mark Medal (Puerto Rico)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
7. Fernando Santos (Brazil)
8. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
9. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Aaron Pryor (U.S.)
2. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
3. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
4. Luis Santana (U.S.)
5. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Ernest Curtis (U.S.)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
1. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
2. Saul Julio (Colombia)
3. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
4. Ricky Young (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Mitchell Julien (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
1. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
2. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
3. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
4. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
5. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Orlando Romero (Peru)
8. Junel Rodriguez (Venezuela)
9. Nick Parker (U.S.)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
1. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
2. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
3. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
4. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
6. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
7. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
8. Benji Marquez (U.S.)
9. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
10. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Tony Pep (Canada)
4. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
5. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
6. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
7. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
8. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
9. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
10. Richard Savage (U.S.)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Harold Petty (U.S.)
1. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
4. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
5. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
6. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
7. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
8. Jose Meneses (Panama)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sam David (U.S.)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
7. Azael Moran (Panama)
8. Diego Avila (Mexico)
9. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Benito Badilla (Chile)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
3. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
4. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
5. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
6. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
9. Jose Chacon (Panama)
10. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Republic)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
8. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
4. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
5. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
6. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
7. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Republic)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
6. Dave Russell (Australia)
7. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
8. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
9. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
10. Cedric Parsons (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
3. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Asea Nama (Fiji)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Don LaLonde (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Alek Pernarski (Great Britain)
7. Wally Carr (Australia)
8. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
9. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
10. Doug Sam (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
4. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Alex Hilton (Canada)
7. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
8. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
9. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
10. Michael Olajide (Canada)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. John Munduga (Uganda)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
9. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
10. David Noel (Trinidad)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
8. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
9. Donny Poole (Canada)
10. Ricky Anderson (Canada)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
6. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
7. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
8. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
9. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
10. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
4. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
5. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
6. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
7. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
8. Paul Chance (Great Britain)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Mickey Baker (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Lester Ellis (Australia)
3. Isiah Ikhoni (Kenya)
4. Tony Miller (Australia)
5. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
6. Anthony Andrews (Guyana)
7. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
8. Hakeem Alli (Nigeria)
9. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
10. Patrick Ford (Guyana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
7. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
8. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
9. Obelle Anazor (Nigeria)
10. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Sandy Odanga (Uganda)
4. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
5. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
6. John Ferrell (Great Britain)
7. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
8. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
9. Joe Orewa (Nigeria)
10. Billy Hardy (Nigeria)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
9. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
10. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)

Uno—Latin American welterweight champion Jorge Pino, Panama, and Jorge Roca drew, 10.
(07-12-85)

▶**SAN PEDRO—Club Parana**—Lorenzo Garcia won a split decision over Hugo Luero, 10, junior welters.
(07-12-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Club All-Boys**—Rising middleweight Dario Mattioni won a unanimous (100-96, 100-93, 100-95) decision over veteran Eduardo Contreras, 10. Mattioni is managed by Carlos Monzon.
(07-20-85)

▶**CORRIENTES—Club Cordoba**—Argentine lightweight champion Jesus Romero outscored Oscar Perez, 10.
(07-20-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Patricio Diaz lost his Argentine junior middleweight title on the scales when he weighed in at 158 pounds for a championship bout with Ramon (Potro) Ramos. The Argentine Boxing Federation declared Ramos the new champ, and the bout went on as a non-title affair. The result was a draw: 98-98, 98-98, and 98-96, Ramos.
Diaz still holds the Latin American title.
(07-24-85)

▶**SALTA—Club Salta**—Miguel Angel Arroyo outpointed Oscar Sosa, 10, welterweights.
(07-26-85)

▶**RAFAELA—Club Sportivo Ben Hur**—Nestor Giovannini halted Juan Jose Leiva in the seventh round, light heavies.
(07-26-85)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Former junior middleweight contender Carlos Herrera TKO'd Ricardo Carballo in round five. Herrera is now managed by Carlos Monzon.
(07-27-85)

ECUADOR

▶**QUITO**—Ecuadorian lightweight champion Nelson Bolanos and Panamanian junior welterweight Aquilino Asprilla drew, 10.
(07-25-85)

PERU

▶**TRUJILLO**—Former lightweight contender Orlando Romero won a close decision over Argentine Daniel Murua, 10.
(07-20-85)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—South African Ron Ellis, now based in Southall, 223½, stopped Barry Ellis, Paddington, 210, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 2:03 of round three in a scheduled eight.

Ron was floored as the bell ended the opening round and cut on the right eyebrow, an injury which worsened in round two. But he took the fight to his opponent in the third, and eventually put him down with a right hook. Barry was up at eight, but was still dazed, and it was stopped.

Alan Baptiste, Luton, 162, outpointed Dennis O'Brien, Southall, 163, over six, referee Dakin scoring it 59½-58.

Tony Haynes, Hayes, 148½, stopped Peter Phillips, Chesterfield, 150, referee Tony Walker halting matters at 0:55 of round five in a scheduled six twos, with Phillips under pressure, but protesting at the stoppage.

Frankie Lake, Bournemouth, 142, beat Nicky Day, Southampton, 140, referee Walker intervening at 1:20 of round four after Day had been down twice.

Con Cronin, Watford, 127½, drew with Gary King, Edgware, 134, over six twos. Tony Walker, referee.
(07-22-85)

▶**COLWYN BAY—Cee J. Club**—Eddie Lloyd, Rhyl, 131, drew with Stanley Jones, Swansea, 134, over 10 rounds for the vacant Welsh lightweight title, so they will have to fight all over again. Jones is still unbeaten.

Raffaele Feliciello, Rhyl, 141, outpointed Mickey Bird, Leicester, 144, over eight by 79-78. Feliciello suffered a swelling over the right eye, which was practically closed by the end of the fight, but kept going in commendable fashion.

Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Davies, Pembroke, 150, by 60-57½ over six.

Steve James, Merthyr Tydfil, 125, also didn't lose a round in

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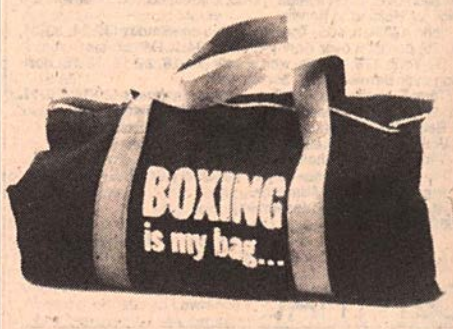

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outscoring Albert Parr, St. Helens, 122, over six by 60-58.
Ivor Bassett refereed all bouts.
(07-19-85)

▶**PORTHCAWL—Manor Suite**—Scottish featherweight champion Robert Dickie, 126, stopped Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 129, referee Ivor Bassett intervening in round seven of a scheduled eight with Bramhald still upright, but under pressure. It was Dickie's seventh quick win in a row.

Welsh light welter champion Michael Harris, Swansea, 143, won every round in outpointing Mickey Bird, Leicester, 147¾, referee Bassett's card showing 80-76 after eight twos.

Debutant Adrian Staples, 118½, outpointed Tony Rahman, Cardiff, 120, referee Wynford Jones scoring it 60-57½ over six twos, indicating that Staples had not lost a round.

Another debutant, Young Doherty, Swansea, 130, stopped Jess Rumdan, Plymouth, 133, referee Jones intervening in round three. Rumdan was down from almost the first punch of the fight, and went again in the third.
(07-31-85)

▶**GLASGOW—Plaza Ballroom**—Dave Summers, Glasgow, 221½, kayoed Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 198, in 1:30 of the opening round in a scheduled six after decking him for nine. Len Mullen, referee.

Gary Jacobs, Glasgow, 145, outpointed Mike McKenzie, Perth, 149, referee Mullen scoring it 59½-58½ over six.

Alex Cairney, Kirkintilloch, 132¾, outpointed Mark Stoops, Glasgow, 133, referee Billy Rafferty's card showing 59½-58 after six.

Barry Winter, Glasgow, 146, drew with Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 147, over four. Billy Rafferty, referee.

Gordon Haigh, Hull, 128, got off the canvas in the opening round to outpoint Sonny Harrison, Cambuslang, 125½, over four, referee Rafferty casting it 39½-38½. This was Harrison's pro debut.
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JAPAN

▶**HACHINOHE—City Gymnasium**—Carlos Elliott, 150½, a black American worker at the Misawa Base Camp, won the Japanese junior middleweight title by knocking out Mugen Kawasaka, 153¾. A wicked shot to the body, followed by a double left hook, sent the defending champion down and out in 0:53 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Elliott, a legitimate welterweight born in Alabama on April 29, 1962, is now 9-1 with nine kayoes. Kawasaka is 14-6 with 11 knockouts.

Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 113¾, kayoed former Japanese junior bantamweight champion Mutsuo Watanabe, 114¼, in 2:07 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10.

Black American Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 124½, came off the canvas to win a unanimous decision over Takashi Okamoto, 125¼, eight.

Hachinohe Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,200 (estimated).

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Local favorite Yukinari Oshiro, 106½, halted Kenji Yokosawa, 106¾, Tokyo, at 2:37 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Yokosawa entered the ring as the Japanese Boxing Commission's eighth ranked flyweight.
(07-20-85)

▶**TAKAMATSU—Civic Culture Center**—Tall flyweight Gonzaburo Nobu, 114½, won a unanimous decision over Yosuke Matsuoka, 113¼, six.

Former amateur star Kenzo Matsumura, 115, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Shigenobu Nakamasa, 116, six.
(07-23-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Up-and-coming Seiji Tomari, 110¼, won a unanimous decision over Kazuhisa Koyama, 110, Nagoya, eight. Tomari is the JBC's sixth ranked junior flyweight.

Kazuhiko Akira, 117½, won a unanimous decision over Keiichi Ozaki, also 117½, eight. Akira has been on a winning streak.

Hideki Kanai, 121½, TKO'd Fumihiro Iwakawa, 123½, at 1:04 of the second round in their scheduled eight.

Taichi Okada, 122, and Tadahiro Kikuchi, 121½, drew, six.
(07-24-85)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former Japanese junior flyweight champion Kentoku Nakama, 115, stopped Heishin Tokuchi, also 115, at the end of six rounds in a scheduled 10.

Nakama, a 23-year-old southpaw, is now 14-3-1 with eight kayoes. Tokuchi, 25, is 6-7-2 with two knockouts.

Lefty Koji Nishikawa, 112, won a close but unanimous decision over tough Korean Keum-Sup Han, 110¼, 10. Nishikawa is now 11-4-1 with six kayoes. Ken Morita, referee.

Akira Tomonari, 134½, made his pro debut with a hard fought unanimous decision over Kimio Saotome, also 134½, six.

Hideaki Sato, 121½, won a unanimous verdict over Tatsuya Uesugi, also 121¼, six.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(07-25-85)

▶**GOTEMBA—Hotoku Community Center**—Minoru Kujo, 131¾, halted Ianky Kojiro Sasaki, 135, at 1:11 of the eighth and final round.

Kazuyuki Funabashi, 119¼, stopped Akira Moriyasu, 120½, at 0:46 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.
(07-26-85)

▶**OKAZAKI**—Fukuichi Ota, 121¼, stopped Masato Tanaka, 121½, at 0:55 of the third round in the scheduled eight-round main event.

Seiji Hatanaka, 114, Nagoya, halted Shinpei Sato, 115, at 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled four. This was Hatanaka's fifth straight first round knockout.
(07-28-85)

▶**MINAMI ASHIGARA CITY—Universal Gymnasium**—Six-foot welter Nobuyuki Tabata, 145½, won a unanimous decision over durable Korean Joo-Kwan Chung, also 145½, 10. No knockdowns. Tabata, who needs to improve his left jab, is now 16-2-1 with 15 kayoes.

Hiroyuki Yatsu, 132½, dropped Masaru Shikanuma, also 132½, thrice en route to stopping him at 1:06 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Yoshito Kumakawa, 137, and Takao Sato, 139¾, drew, six.

Koei Odawara Club. No telecast.

Attendance—2,500 (estimated).
(07-30-85)

▶**NOTES**—Kazuo Katsuma has relinquished his Japanese national junior bantamweight title to concentrate on his shot at world champion Jiro Watanabe in Osaka. A full report on the Watanabe-Katsuma bout will appear in the next issue of *The Ring*.

Mexican Isidro Perez, the WBC's second ranked light flyweight, will now box out of the Sendai Club. Other Mexicans boxing under Sendai include Roberto Ramirez, Roberto Arredondo, and Francisco Montiel.

Hidekazu Akai, recovered from a brain hemorrhage suffered against Masaharu Owada on February 5th, will become a commentator for Asahi Hoso TV beginning in November.

KOREA

▶**EUJOUNGBU—Civic Arena**—Soh-Kong Son, 110¼, the WBA's sixth ranked junior flyweight, knocked out Jun Hoki, also 110¼, Japan, in 1:04 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Hoki was down once in the second frame and twice in the third. The final knockdown was for the full count.

Son is now 19-1 with nine kayoes. Hoki, who had scored an upset kayo over Thai champion Chaiya Singchachvan in his previous contest, is 7-3-2 with six knockouts.

Youn-Han Choi, 145¾, stopped Wan-Taek Choi, 145, at 2:04 of the second round in their scheduled 10.

Bong-Ho Lee, 120¼, and Kyung-Nak Song, also 120¼, drew, eight.

In-Kyu Hwang, 109¼, outpointed Sung-Kyu Kim, 110¼, eight.

Ki-Yung Ahn, 113¾, outscored Dong-Shik Suh, 113, six.

Myung-Ho Yang, 118, halted Sung-Pil Kim, 117¼, at 1:52 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Wonjin Promotions.
(07-06-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Seung-Soon Lee, 147¼, the WBC's 12th ranked welterweight, demolished Filipino Sil Sarana, 146½, in 2:50 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Lee is now 17-1 with 14 kayoes. Sarana is 15-4-1 with 11 kayoes.

Chong-Jin Chung, 117¾, and Sung-Ho Kim, 117¼, drew, 10, Chung retaining his Korean bantam title. Chung is now 10-0-4. Kim is 6-6-12 with two knockouts.

Byung-Soo Park, 126¾, outpointed Chang-Bae Ahn, 127¾, six.

Dong-A Promotions.
(07-07-85)

▶**CHUNGJU—Chungju Indoor Gymnasium**—In-Chul Baek, 153¾, retained his Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation junior middleweight crown by knocking out Indonesian challenger Alberto Bapaimo, also 153¾, in 1:45 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Baek is now 34-1 with 34 knockouts. Bapaimo is 21-2-1 with 14 kayoes.

Hi-Sup Shin, 111¾, retained his OPBF flyweight title by knocking out Thai kingpin Sakdisamuth Singsamang, 110¾, in 2:53 of the fifth round in their scheduled 12. Shin is now 33-2-1 with 18 kayoes. Singsamang is 16-3-1 with eight knockouts.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, 140, retained his Korean junior welterweight championship with a unanimous decision over Rang-Gu Park, 139, 10. Ahn is now 18-0 with nine knockouts. Park is 2-3-2 with one kayo.

Joo-Chul Yum, 135½, and Dong-In Chun, 135¾, drew, eight.

World Promotions. KBS TV.
(07-13-85)

▶**SOUNGHAM—National School Auditorium**—Kazuo Osamu, 123¾, Japan, knocked out Korean junior featherweight champion Bong-Ho Choi, 124¼, in 2:55 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Choi was a late sub for the unbeaten Chul Kwon, who failed to make the weight.

Osamu, the JBC's third ranked 122-pounder, is now 17-3-2 with 11 kayoes. Choi is 6-2-1 with three knockouts.

Sang-Do Chung, 153½, won the vacant Korean junior middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Wang-Ki Chung, 152, 10. The new champ is now 8-1-2 with two kayoes.

Former Korean junior featherweight champion Chan-Jung Chung, 127¼, kayoed Won-Kyung Kim, 126½, in 2:15 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Tae-Yung Choi, 132¼, halted Hi-Jae Yuh, also 132¼, at 1:15 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Sangwon Promotions.
(07-14-85)

▶**MASAN—Masan Gymnasium**—Southpaw Soon-Chun Kwon, 112, retained his Int. Boxing Federation flyweight crown with a 15-round draw against aggressive Chong-Kwan Chung, also 112.

This rematch was even more furious than their first fight—another 15-round draw. This time, Kwon knocked Chung down with a hard left in the early going, but was floored himself in the 10th session. The challenger continually pressed the action, and only a last spurt by the champ, coupled with a penalty incurred by Chung in the ninth canto, saved Kwon's title.

Scoring: Kang-Woo Lee, 143-142, Chung; Dong-Mo Chung, 145-143, Kwon; Jae-Soon Lee, 142-142. Total war! Kwon is now 25-3-3 with 17 knockouts. Chung is 12-7-4 with two kayoes.

Yung-Kil Chung, 147, retained his Korean welterweight title by stopping Kyung-Shik Park, 146, at 0:37 of round seven in a scheduled 10. Chung is now 15-2-1 with eight kayoes. Park, the KBC's fifth ranked contender, is 14-3-1 with four knockouts.

Sang-Moon Suh, 137¾, demolished Jin-Ho Kim, 137½, in 2:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

World Promotions.
(07-17-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sung-Yun Kim, 130, retained his Korean junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Yong-Bum Lee, also 130, 10.

Kim is now 18-4 with eight kayoes. Lee, the KBC's top ranked contender, is 8-4-4 with three knockouts.

Byung-Yon Kim, 133½, outpointed Jin Han, 133, eight.

Sung-Dae Park, 114½, and Tae-Young Kwon, 114¼, eight.

Hyundai Promotions.
(07-20-85)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jin-Shik Choi, 132¼, stopped Yasuji Shimoji, 131¾, Japan, with a wicked left hook in 2:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Choi is now 16-1 with 14 kayoes. Shimoji is 8-3-1 with five knockouts.

Jae-Yong Hwang, 126, won the vacant Korean featherweight title by outpointing Jae-Moon Yuh, also 126, 10. Hwang is now 11-1 with two kayoes. Yuh is 14-2 with four knockouts.

Kyung-Jae Chang, 111¼, stopped Joung-Chan Lee, 120¼, at 1:31 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Saeki Promotions.
(07-21-85)

▶**MANRIPO—Manripo Bathing Beach**—Chun Huh, 110¼, demolished Masato Kudo, also 110¼, Japan, in 2:54 of the first round in a scheduled 10. The 5'8" Huh, one of the WBC's 18th ranked light flyweight, is now 13-0 with nine kayoes.

Kyu-Un Choi, 135, won the vacant Korean lightweight crown by stopping Tae-Yong Koh, also 135, at 2:54 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Choi, piloted by Ho-Yun Chun, is now 22-2 with 13 kayoes. Koh is 6-1-2 with one knockout.

Won-San Kang, 137¼, outscored Young-Suk Kim, 136½, eight.

Hyun-Jae Hwang, 123½, halted Byung-Bum Choi, also 123½, at 2:36 of the sixth session in their scheduled eight.

Bok-Yul Kim, 160¾, outpointed Ki-Yul Lee, 161, eight.

Won-Ke Shim, 119¼, outscored Joung-Kyung Park, also 119¼, eight.

Ilhwa Gymnasium.

(07-24-85)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum**—Ver Libradilla, 114, won a unanimous decision over veteran Ric Barimbad, 114¾, 10. Libradilla is the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's seventh ranked junior bantamweight contender.

Poker Pelegrino, 119¼, was held to a majority draw by Celso Areglo, 118, 10.

Titing Dignos, 109¼, won a majority decision over Joy Molina, 108½, 10.

Promoter—Christopher Aranco.

(06-01-85)

▶**GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Romy Navarrete, 111½, won a majority decision over Dadoy Andujar, 112½, 10.

Former Filipino champ Jun Resma, 119½, stopped Wick Tengam, 120, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Val de Vera, 116, and Fernando Carupo, 116½, drew, 10.

Flash Rockman, 123, the GAB's third ranked featherweight, stopped Ner Binondo, also 123, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Rey Tarrosa, 115, eked out a split verdict over Jun Tidalgo, 113, 10.

(06-01-85)

▶**DAMPALIT MALABON, METRO MANILA**—Gerron Porras, 129, TKO'd Ador Seguin, 128½, at 1:41 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Veteran Max (Boy) Toyogon, 140, fought to a majority draw with Noli Macbos, also 140, 10.

Pretty Boy Lucas, 107, outscored Lou Marabe, Jr., 108½, eight.

Majie Bonna, 119½, outpointed Danny Marino, 115½, eight.

Rey Villaflores, 124, outscored Jeffrey Don, 126, six.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

(06-01-85)

▶**LAPU-LAPU CITY**—Ernie Sanico, 123, knocked out Isidro Tenedero, also 123, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Cecilio Tutor, 109¾, won a unanimous decision over Manny Taneo, 111¾, 10.

Promoter—Roberto Edillo.

(06-02-85)

▶**NEW BATAAN, DAVAD DEL NORTE**—Rene Aroy, 132, won a majority decision over Nick Caputol, also 132, 10.

Former Filipino champion Cesar Ligan, 130, was held to a majority draw by Tony Cinco, also 130, 10.

(06-08-85)

▶**ANGELS CITY**—Boy Reyes, 132, TKO'd Max (Boy) Toyogon, 134, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Benedicto Ronquillo.

(06-12-85)

▶**QUEZON CITY—K.B. Sports Complex**—Former national featherweight champion Lulu Villaverde, 129, won the Filipino junior lightweight crown by stopping defending titlist Romy Cunnanan, 130, at 1:12 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Vic Valdez, referee.

Ranel Pastor Fide, 128, won a unanimous decision over Ben Samson, 127, 10.

Fel Aporto, 122, and Rolando Navarro, 121, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in the second.

Promoter—Grego Garcia.

GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Virgilio de los Reyes.

(06-15-85)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO**—OPBF lightweight champion Jong Jong Pacquing, 135, stopped Carlos Parcia, 136, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Jun Simbajon, 118, TKO'd Emiliano Alperez, 118½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Antonio Almirante.

(06-15-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Flash de los Reyes, 127, TKO'd Nelson Alapitan, 124½, in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Boy Abuela, 122, outscored Bobby Pinos, 121, 10.

Nick Dalisay, 111, outpointed Joseph Lapede, 112, 10.

Leonardo Calmona, 132, and Baby Pio Kaki, 133½, drew, eight.

Galorde Enterprises.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Vedasto Adriano.

(06-19-85)

▶**MANILA**—Ernie Cataluna, 118, regained the Filipino bantamweight title with a split decision over Boy Blanca, 117½, 12. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Bobby Castillo, 117, won a unanimous decision over Rey Arceta, 119, 10.

Rudy Casicas, 120, halted Abel Magracia, 120½, at 1:40 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Eduardo Luzuriaga.

GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Vedasto Adriano.

(06-20-85)

▶**MARILAO, BULACAN**—Filipino welterweight champion Mon Desoloc, 150, halted Lucio Jasmines, also 150, in the first round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Vic Valdez, referee.

Dong Canada, 115, outscored Dommy Ursua, Jr., 115, 10.

Richard Agbay, 126, won a majority decision over Boy Vilia, 125½, eight.

Elmer de Gala, 109, fought to a technical draw with Johnny Siok, 110, in six.

Promoter—Maning Sivacion.

GAB witnesses—Carlos Dizon, Voltaire Reverente.

(06-22-85)

▶**POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO**—Boy Morales, 130, fought to a draw with Nick Caputol, also 130, 10.

Promoter—Benjamin Aguirre.

(06-22-85)

▶**LAMIOTAN, BASILAN**—Flash Ursus, 130, halted Jun Ulgasan, also 130, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Diomedes Tabotabo.

(06-22-85)

▶**GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Edwin Projo, 112, won a unanimous decision over Little Baguio, 111½, 10.

Robinson Cabusao, 112, won a majority decision over Al Tan Lee, 113, 10.

Boy Romero, 140½, knocked out Ely Casino, 140¼, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Natividad Cabreros.

(06-23-85)

▶**TIBALOG, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Fernando Gloria, 142, fought to a majority draw with Sil Arcillas, also 142, 10.

Promoter—Pedro Solis.

(06-23-85)

▶**SORSOGON**—Al Duran, 135, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Balayan, also 135, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.

John Cala Ogan, 112, outpointed Faustino Simbajon, also 112, 10.

Promoter—Romulo Santiago.

(06-26-85)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Jun Tidalgo, 113, and Kid Kanashiro, also 113, drew, 10.

Promoter—Ricardo Mendez.

(06-29-85)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Jun Belimac, 130, the GAB's ninth ranked junior lightweight, was held to a technical draw by Joe Brown, also 130, in 10.

Edgar Apatan, 120, won a unanimous decision over Diony Abaquita, 119, 10.

Promoter—Benhur Bedia.

(06-30-85)

▶**MANIKI, KAPALONG, DAVAO**—Allan Alegria, 140, stopped Jun Ramos, also 140, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Teofilo Perote.

(06-30-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Mahasamuth Sinthannaruepon, 107, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight, stopped Narongthavat Babumrung, 110, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Babumrung, the TBC's second ranked junior flyweight, had never been halted before.

(06-29-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chokchai Kiatvichian, 108, outscored Eak Donjadee, also 108, the TBC's fourth ranked mini-flyweight, six.

(06-30-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Sing krungthon, 119, won a unanimous decision over Porntip H. Mahachai, 116, eight. Mahachai tired in the last two frames.

(07-01-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Tall southpaw Samkan Chuvatana, 120, halted Masakatsu Sakuma, 118, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Samkan is now 4-1 with two kayoes.

(07-04-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rungdej Sakdicharern, 125, the TBC's fifth ranked junior bantamweight, stopped Phayuarom Kitikasem, also 125, in 2:52 of the first session. Kitikasem was floored thrice.

Sakdicharern may have outgrown the 115-pound division.

(07-05-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Petchvichan, 126, the TBC's top junior featherweight contender, polished off Sangthong Sor Kraipetch, also 126, in the first round of a scheduled six.

(07-06-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior bantamweight champion Petchngam Chuvatana, 117, won a close but unanimous decision over Filipino Allan Makitoki, also 117, 10.

(07-07-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdising Sing kungthon, 121, stopped Bangsai Wangthong, 119, in the first round of a scheduled six. Singkungthon is the TBC's second ranked bantamweight.

(07-11-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, won an upset split decision over Kongjak Sithyodthong, also 118, six. Sithyodthong was the TBC's number seven bantamweight contender.

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▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 119, kayoed Semanoi Sor Sirinant, 124, in the first round of a scheduled six. Meeprasert is the TBC's number one junior bantamweight contender.

(07-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kwangthongnoi Sith umuen, 118, retained his Thai bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Dangnuen Kiat R.D., also 118, 10.

(07-14-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Manachai Sorvatana, 120, eked out a split verdict over unheralded southpaw Udomchai Looklongbangkeaw, 121, six.

(07-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chokechai Kiatvichian, 110, kayoed Petch Sadkinarong, also 110, the TBC's seventh ranked junior flyweight contender, in the sixth and final round. Both men had been on the canvas.

(07-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Former Thai junior flyweight champion Kairung Sithpayak, 108, stopped Netnarongnoi Sakpuenthong in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(07-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yongsak Sakprayuth, 119, won a unanimous decision over Porntip H. Mahachai, 116, the TBC's fifth ranked flyweight contender, six. Mahachai won the first two sessions, but Sakprayuth dropped him in rounds three and five.

(07-24-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, 108, won the Thai junior flyweight title by knocking out defending champion Chaiya Singchachvan, also 108, with a wicked shot to the solar plexus in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Singchachvan was ahead on points at the time of the kayo.

(07-25-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Doungdee Terdkiatphitak, 126, retained his Thai featherweight crown by knocking out Chor Hhaphalang, also 126, in the 10th and final round.

Thongberm Lukmaturee, 128, knocked out Ayuthya Lukakadyotin, also 128, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(07-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchainat Donjaedee, 112, kayoed Kaopongnoi Sor Thaveerat, also 112, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(07-28-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pornmongkol H. Mahachai, 117, outscored sluggish Sakdising Singkungthon, 121, six.

(07-29-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Roy Alexander, 164, won the vacant New South Wales super middleweight crown by stopping Matereti Valu, 167, in round six on a cut eye. Good fight.

anthony Naidu, 152, outpointed Ray Kelly, six.

Andy Faulkner, 133, and Chris Dawe, 131, drew, four.

Neil Hobson, 189, and Richard Lui, 203, drew, three.

(07-12-85)

▶**ST. GEORGES BASIN—Country Club**—John Bogolin, 167½, stopped Joe Burruni, 163¼, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round action bout. It was even until Burruni was knocked down in the fourth round. Joe's eye was cut by the end of the session, and referee Johnny Wright stopped the contest after he was floored twice in round six. Tony Rok, one of the judges, called it "one of the best fights" he had ever seen.

Peter Mitrevski, 118, halted Andy Whitton, 119, in round four of a scheduled six. Tony Rok, referee.

Peter Sierota, 147, outpointed John Maletino, also 147, six. Exciting bout.

Tony Porrata, 174, stopped Maile Anso, 184, in round three of a scheduled four.

Paul Cumming, 142, stopped Ross Felton, 147, in the second round of their scheduled four.

(07-13-85)

▶**MOORE PARK—Horndern Pavilion**—Pat Leglise, 139½, retained his Australian junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Jeff Malcolm, 140, 12. Scoring: Jimmy Carruthers, 119-110; Billy Males, 117-110; Johnny Wright, 118-110. Paul Moore, referee. Malcolm had been recognized as champion by the ABF.

Marty Feighan, 126, won the New South Wales State featherweight crown by knocking out defending champion Mark Cribb, also 126, in the third round of a scheduled j10. Brian McMahon, referee.

Australian flyweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 115½, won a unanimous decision over former national junior flyweight champion Junior Thompson, 113½, eight.

Troy Waters, 152¾, clearly outscored Graeme Looker, 149, eight.

Peter Gillespie, 177½, outpointed Joe Vallis, 173½, six.

Joe Futui, 165, outscored Alex Tui, also 165, six.

(07-19-85)

▶**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Doug Sam, 167, won the vacant Australian super middleweight crown by knocking out Matereti Valu, also 167, in the second with a left to the liver. Brian McMahon, referee.

Nooky Curyer, 160½, outscored Robbie Fowler, 146¾, six.

Four-rounders: Lou Louis, 153¼, stopped Noddy Gilchrist, 151¾, in two. Shane Grant, 153¾, outpointed John Cullen, 154½. Chris Dawes, 130½, outscored Jimmy Henry, 133¾.

(08-02-85)

▶**LEUMEAH—Campbelltown Leagues Club**—Local middleweight Paul Towsel won a split decision over Vanuatuan Phil Kating, 10 rounds, to remain unbeaten.

Robbie Fowler outscored Nooky Curyer, eight.

Tony Porrata won by a disqualification over Mick Ambrose in their scheduled eight. Ambrose had been given several warnings.

(08-09-85)

▶**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Tiger Homa, previously known as Fulu Atti, won the New South Wales State cruiserweight crown by stopping defending champion Geoff Peate in round six of a scheduled 10. Peate was all over Homa in the first few sessions, knocking him down twice. In the sixth, Peate dropped his guard, and Homa decked him with an uppercut. He beat the 10-count, but walked to his corner after referee Brian McMahon counted to eight. McMahon thought Peate had quit, so he crowned Homa.

Peate thought the bell had rung. What he heard was a glass breaking at ringside. Tough luck, Geoff.

Two sixes and a four made up the balance of the program.

(08-09-85)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—IBF bantamweight champion Jeff Fenech, 120¼, Australia, stopped John Farrell, 119¾, England, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Farrell was down in rounds four, five, and nine. Alan Moore, referee. Fenech is now 9-0—all knockouts. Farrell said he never had been decked before.

Dale Artango, 134½, easily outpointed Iliatia Vaka, 137¼, Fiji, eight. Artango did not lose a round.

Australian bantamweight and featherweight champion Paul Ferreri, 129½, knocked out Kirk Blair, 127, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

Musa Sione, 140, who came to Australia from New Zealand more than a year ago, outpointed veteran Brian Roberts, 139, eight.

Percy Israel, 133½, outscored Russell Finn, 129, eight.

(07-26-85)

VICTORIA

▶**MELTON**—Paul Delosa, 138¾, won a split decision over Shane Rank, also 138¾, eight.

Paul Mauger, 147¾, won a unanimous verdict over Hercules Hazelman, 163¼, eight.

Tommy Mangon, 130, stopped Phil Neiwand, also 130, in round two of a billed four.

Three-rounders: Nick Hatzil, 141, outpointed Dan McMurray, 145½. Barkan Karman, 165¼, outscored Rod Cunningham, 161. Glen Irvine, 151, outpointed Graeme McKenzie, 150.

(07- -85)

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Barry Michael, 129¾, won the IBF junior lightweight crown with a 15-round unanimous decision over defending champion Lester Ellis, 130, in the first all-Australian world title fight since Young Griffo beat George Powell on March 12, 1891. Scoring: Norm Foster, 147-139; Cliff Heaver, 145-140; Johnny Wheeler, 147-140. *The Ring* had it 146-141. Gus Mercurio, referee.

Michael, a lightweight, was unranked in the 130-pound division, and had not fought at that weight in more than nine and a half years. But the IBF agreed to sanction the contest, and Michael began the slow process of losing weight without losing energy. The result was a particularly gruelling fight.

Elis outboxed Michael in the first three rounds, but the challenger's aggressiveness began to pay off in frames four and five. Michael taunted the champ ("Why don't you stand and fight?"), and the youthful Ellis took the bait. He fought Barry's fight, and did not win a round after the seventh.

Antonio Rivera, 126, Puerto Rico, and Australian junior lightweight champion Tony Miller, 125, drew, 10. Judge Bryan Membrey carded it for Miller, judge Pauline Steinmann called it a draw, and referee Malcolm Bulner scored it for Rivera.

Paul Mauger, 150½, stopped Tony Fotia, 150¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Tony Parisi, referee.

Former Australian amateur champion Wilf Gentzen, 143½, stopped Nick Fletcher, 137¾, in the second round of a slated four.

Nick Hatzil, 136½, outpointed Ricky Corrigan, 134½, three.

Kevin Harbraves, 165, outscored Bill Lancaster, 165½, three.

Superstar Promotions.

Attendance—6,400 (capacity).

(07-12-85)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**BUNBURY—Russell Motor Hotel**—Carl Zappia, 127¾, won the vacant Western Australia State junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Ron Smith, 129¼, 10. Zappia rallied in the last two frames to take the verdict.

Chad Hill, 161, stopped Alan Black, 165½, in the sixth round of a slated eight. Black was down in rounds three and six. Laurie Flanders, referee.

George Casseb, 121¼, and Claude Delabonna, 116¾, drew, six.

Dean Colbung, 122½, outpointed Lorne Lehman, 134½, four.

Mike Russian, 161, outscored Clayton Lewis, 165½, three.

Aron Pappas, 178½, and Manny Sosilas, 173¾, drew, three.

(07-20-85)

RAY MITCHELL

READ THE RING

WORLD RATINGS BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION

(As of September 1, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Larry Holmes (U.S.)
1. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
2. Greg Page (U.S.)
3. Carl Williams (U.S.)
4. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
5. Trevor Berbick (U.S.)
6. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
7. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
8. David Bey (U.S.)
9. James Broad (U.S.)
10. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
11. Jose Ribalta (U.S.)
12. Jesse Ferguson (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
7. Piet Crous (South Africa)
8. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
9. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
10. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
11. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
12. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
3. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Prince Mama Muhammad (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
8. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
9. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
10. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
11. Junior Edmonds (U.S.)
12. Tomas Polo (Colombia)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
2. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
3. Murray Sutherland (U.S.)
4. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Leroy Hester (U.S.)
7. Don LaLonde (Canada)
8. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
9. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
10. Ricky Stackhouse (U.S.)
11. Wilford Scypion (U.S.)
12. Errol Christie (Great Britain)

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Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
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2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. John Collins (U.S.)
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5. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
6. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
7. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
8. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
9. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
10. Juan D. Roldan (Argentina)
11. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
12. Herol Graham (Great Britain)

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Champion
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2. Davey Moore (U.S.)
3. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
4. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
5. Ken Shannon (U.S.)
6. David Braxton (U.S.)
7. Mark Medal (U.S.)
8. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
9. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
10. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
11. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
12. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)

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2. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
3. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
4. Simon Brown (U.S.)
5. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
6. Jerome Kinney (U.S.)
7. Seung-Sun Lee (Korea)
8. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
9. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
10. David Hilton (Canada)
11. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
12. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)

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2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
4. Akio Kameda (Japan)
5. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
6. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
7. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
8. Saul Julio (Colombia)
9. Kyung-Dkuk Ahn (Korea)
10. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
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5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
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2. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
4. Lester Ellis (Australia)
5. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
6. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
7. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
8. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
9. Bobby Chacon (U.S.)
10. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
11. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
12. Mark Fernandez (U.S.)

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1. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
2. Richard Savage (U.S.)
3. Kwon Churl (Korea)
4. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
5. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
6. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
7. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
8. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
9. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
10. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
11. Tommy Cordova (U.S.)
12. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)

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1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
6. Seung-In Soo (Korea)
7. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
8. Raul Gonzalez (Venezuela)
9. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
10. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
11. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
12. Juan (Kid) Meza (U.S.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
3. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
4. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
5. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
6. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
8. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
9. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
10. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
11. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
12. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)

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Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Shinobu Kawashima (Japan)
2. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Tae-Yul Suh (Korea)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
6. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
7. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
8. Edel Geronimo (Philippines)
9. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
10. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
11. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
12. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)

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1. Chong-Kwan Jung (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Jae-Honz Kim (Korea)
4. Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
5. Henry Brent (U.S.)
6. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
7. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
9. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
10. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
11. Yuenyong Sitprasong (Thailand)
12. Antoine Montero (France)

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1. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
2. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
4. Yany Hagler (Indonesia)
5. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
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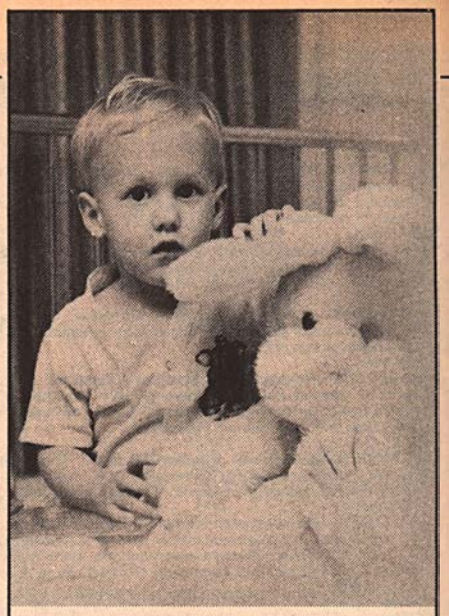

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5. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
6. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
7. Carl Williams (U.S.)
8. David Bey (U.S.)
9. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
10. Mitchell Green (U.S.)
11. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
12. James Broad (U.S.)
13. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
14. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
15. Walter Daniel Falconi (Arg.)
16. Jesse Ferguson (U.S.)
17. Howard Chisango (Zimbabwe)
18. James Smith (U.S.)
19. Jose Ribalta (U.S.)
20. James Tillis (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
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8. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
9. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
10. Henry Hearns (U.S.)
11. Michael Greer (U.S.)
12. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
13. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
14. Young Joe Louis (U.S.)
15. Alsea Nama (Fiji)
16. Curtis Isaac (U.S.)
17. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
18. Stanley Ross (U.S.)
19. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
20. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
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2. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
3. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
4. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
5. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
8. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
9. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
10. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
11. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
12. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
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10. Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
11. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
13. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
14. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
15. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
16. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
17. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
18. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
19. Michael Olajide (Canada)
20. Iran Barkley (U.S.)

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2. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
3. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
4. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
5. David Braxton (U.S.)
6. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
7. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
8. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
9. Mark Medal (U.S.)
10. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
11. Davey Moore (U.S.)
12. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
13. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
14. James Green (U.S.)
15. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
16. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
17. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
18. Robert Hines (U.S.)
19. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
20. Willie Harris (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
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1. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
2. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
3. David Hilton (Canada)
4. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
5. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
6. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
7. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
8. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
9. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
10. Simon Brown (U.S.)
11. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
12. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
13. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
14. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
15. Luis Santana (U.S.)
16. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
17. Brian Janssen (Australia)
18. Pablo Baez (Dominican Rep.)
19. Robert Rucker (U.S.)
20. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lonnie Smith (U.S.)
1. Bill Costello (U.S.)
2. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
3. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
4. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
5. Saul Julio (Colombia)
6. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
7. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
8. Saoul Mamby (U.S.)
9. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
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18. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
19. Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
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2. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
3. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
4. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
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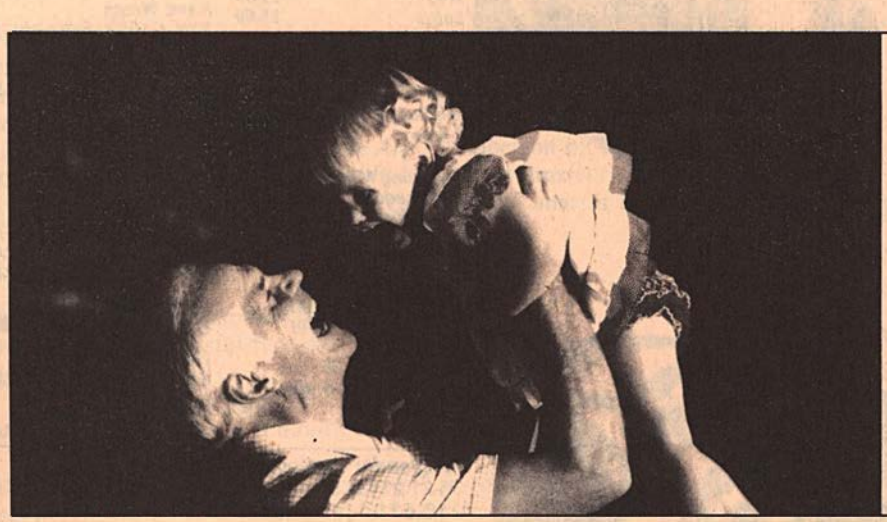
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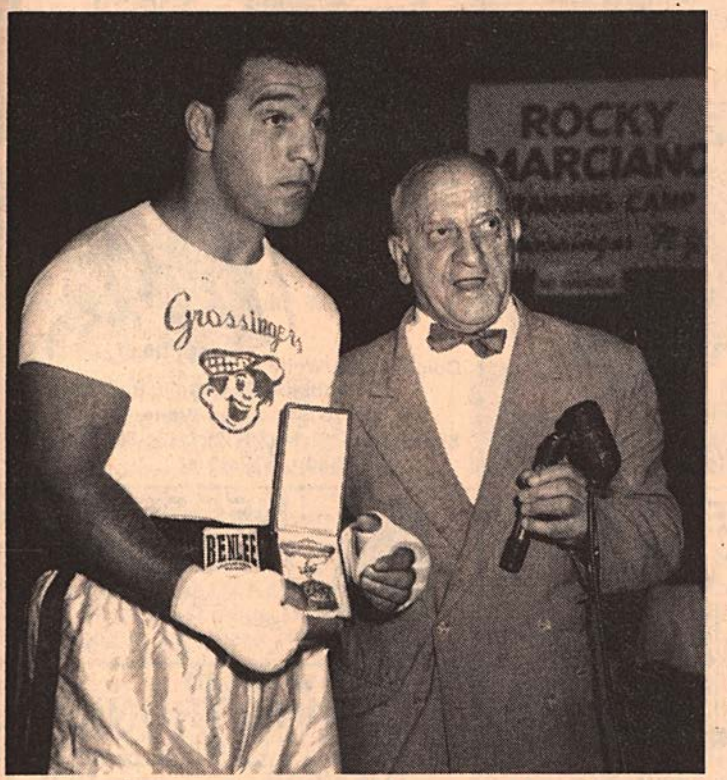

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Nat Fleischer, founder of The Ring, presents Rocky Marciano with 1954 "Fighter of the Year" award.

Q: I have some questions I would like to address directly to boxing's recognized sanctioning bodies, the WBA, the WBC, and the IBF. Could you give me their addresses?

JOSEPH A. BROWN
Kansas City, Mo.

Q: *World Boxing Council, Apartado Postal 75-254, Mexico 14, D.F., Mexico; World Boxing Association, Apartado 470, Panama 1, Republic of Panama; Int. Boxing Federation, c/o New Jersey State Athletic Commission, Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Hughes Justice Complex, CN 151, Trenton, N.J. 08625.*

Q: Which world champions hold the record for most successful title defenses in each division?

RODOLFO H. CASTRO
Banning, Calif.

A: *Heavyweight-Joe Louis, 25; light-heavyweight-Bob Foster, 14; middleweight-Carlos Monzon, 14; junior middleweight-Koichi Wajima, 6; welterweight-Henry Armstrong, 19; junior welterweight-Antonio Cervantes, 16 (including six defenses of the WBA bauble from 1977 to 1980); lightweight-Roberto Duran, 12; junior lightweight-Samuel Serrano, 13; featherweight-Abe Attell-22; junior featherweight-Wilfredo Gomez, 17; bantamweight-Manuel Ortiz, 19; flyweight-Miguel Canto, 14.*

Q: Was Rocky Marciano's bout with Lee Epperson on March 17, 1947 a pro fight or an amateur affair? I know Rocky had seven amateur bouts from January-April, 1948.

LARRY BROWN
Brawley, Calif.

A: *Marciano's three-round kayo over Epperson was a scheduled four-round pro fight in Holyoke, Mass. in which The Rock fought under the name Rocky March. Rocky retuned to the amateur ranks several months later under his real name, Rocco Marchegiano, and then turned professional, "for real," under the name Rocky Marciano in July, 1948. Nor was Rock the first world champ to have done this. Henry Armstrong had two pro fights in July, 1931 under the name Henry Jackson, returned to the amateur ranks under the name Henry Armstrong, and then turned pro for keeps in August, 1932.*

Q: Who do you think would have won a Dempsey-Wills bout? Do you think there would have been race riots had they fought?

MIKE PHIBBS
Dayton, Ohio

A: *I lean toward Dempsey as the victor. Wills, considering his size, was no great puncher. Race riots would have been an unfortunate, but very likely, possibility.*

Q: Did Rocky Marciano ever fight Joe Louis?

ROBERT MOFFITT
Scranton, Pa.

A: *They fought in Madison Square Garden on October 26, 1951, and Rocky kayoed Joe in the eighth round. The 37-year-old Louis decided to call it quits after that one.*

Q: What was the consensus of the sportswriters' opinions following Jack Sharkey's points win over Max Schmeling in M.S.G. Bowl in Long Island City on June 21, 1932?

HOLLIS P. GALE
Hanson, Mass.

A: *Sharkey won the world heavyweight title via split decision in that contest, but the majority of writers at ringside favored Schmeling. Judge Charles F. Matheson scored the contest 9-5-1 for Schmeling.*

Q: What were the weights in the Jack Johnson-Sam Langford fight in Chelsea, Mass. on April 26, 1906?

TOM BARTLETT
Walnut Creek, Calif.

A: *Johnson was 185, Langford 156. The bout was held at the Pythian Rink, with Johnson winning by decision.*

Q: Have you ever heard of Gene Poirer? I worked with him, and he said he used to be a pro fighter.

JOHN P. ZAROIAN
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A: *I am not familiar with the gentleman. He may have had only a few contests.*

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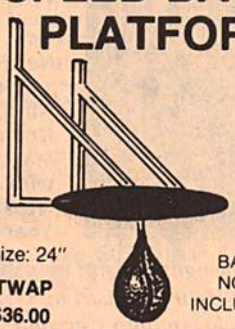

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Marvis Frazier W10 Jose Ribalta
Larry Frazier KO7 Al Myles
Tyrell Biggs KO7 Sterling Benjamin
Mike Tyson KO1 Lorenzo Canady
Mike Tyson KO1 Michael Johnson
Sylvester Lee W10 Mike Jameson

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Mustafa Muhammad KO1 Elvis Parks
Bashiru Ali KO2 Dee Collier
Evander Holyfield KO1 Rick Myers
Mark Fischtner KO4 Hanif Islam
Michael Greer KO5 Ricky Willis

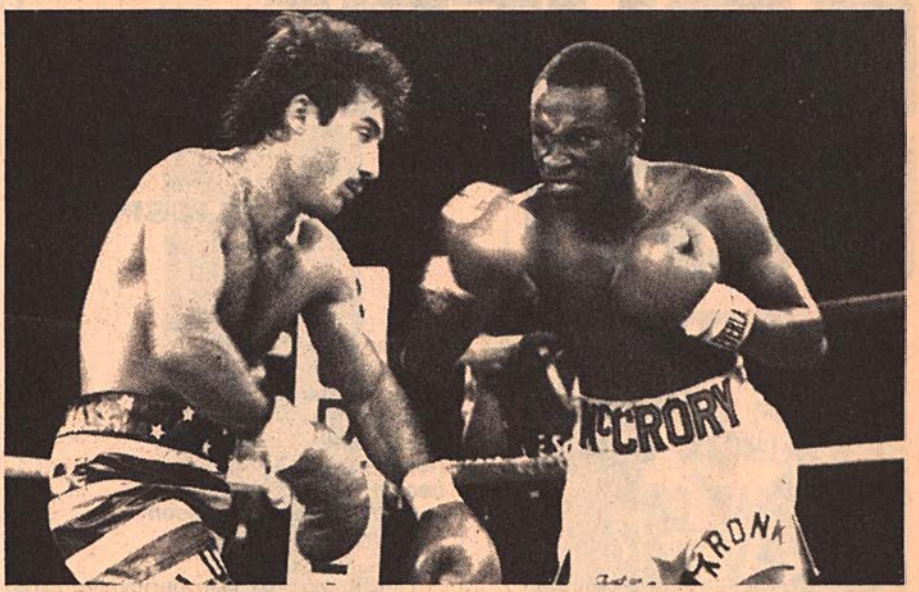
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Mike Costello W8 Larry Davis
Ricky Womack KO3 Billy Saunders
Donny LaLonde W10 Jamie Howe
Alex Williamson KO6 Jeff Freeney
Marvin Mack W8 Tim Broady

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Wilfred Benitez W10 Kevin Moley
Robbie Sims W10 Doug DeWitt
Sam Leonard KO1 Alex Hilton
Michael Nunn KO5 Marcos Geraldo
Iran Barkley KO2 Norberto Sabater
Luis Rivera W10 Keith Adams
Tony Thornton KO6 Sidney Outlaw
Tomas Perez KO3 Clinton Reymus

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Darnell Knox KO7 Roman George
Troy Darrell W10 Clayton Hires
Kevin Howard KO4 Tony Ojo
Matthew Hilton KO4 Lopez Magee
Jorge Vaca W10 Tommy Richardson
Ismael Negron KO6 Angel Sindo
Pat Prisco W8 Marlon Palmer

WELTERWEIGHTS
Buddy McGirt KO7 Willie Rodriguez
John Munduga KO6 Zoilo Carmona
Manning Galloway W10 Alfonso Long
Brian Mueller W10 Ernest Curtis
Reynaldo Hernandez W12 Charlie Baez (Puerto Rican Title)
Allen Braswell KO3 Jose Fuentes
Troy Wortham W10 Curtis Summit
Lloyd Honeyghan W10 Danny Paul
Derrick Kelly W10 Nelson Ortiz
Sean O'Sullivan KO2 Mark Lassien
Kenny Lopez KO1 Vince Dunfee
Richard Aguirre W10 Jose DeAnda
Mike Picciotti KO2 Efrain Olivo

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Lonnie Smith KO8 Bill Costello (Won WBC Title)



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Steve McCrory (right) outpoints Luigi Camputaro in a battle of unbeaten bantamweight prospects at Resorts International in Atlantic City. McCrory raised his pro record to 8-0-1, while Camputaro slipped to 6-1.

Saoul Mamby KO5 Harold Mobley
Reyes Cruz KO10 Billy Famous
Ronnie Shields KO5 James Martinez
Gary Hinton D12 Joe Louis Manley (Retained USBA Title)
Juan Ramon Santana W11 Bruce Williams
John Meekins KO3 Sammy Young
Charlie (White Lightning) Brown W10 Steve Mitchell
Anthony Andrews KO10 Bobby Francis
Andre Richardson KO2 Jose Sosa
Pat Jefferson W8 Kelly Coble
Tyrone Trice KO1 Jesus de la Cruz
Joey Ruiz KO5 David Odem

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Darryl Tyson KO12 Nick Parker (Retained Continental Americas Title)
Terrence Alli W10 Eduardo Valdez
Pernell Whitaker KO3 Ted Hatfield
Bobby Chacon KO7 Arturo Frias
Cubanito Perez KO6 Paul Barton
Davey Montana W10 Joey Olivera
Vincent Pettway KO3 Marvin Ladson
Elvin Perez KO1 Raul Albaladejo
Jocko King KO5 Richard Graves
Gary Martin KO1 Dave Guerra
Ernie Landeros KO7 Danny Montejano
Sammy Hilton KO1 Johnny Rodriguez

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Vinnie Costello KO4 Larry Highsmith
Greg Haugen KO7 Freddie Roach
Darrell Savoy W8 Tony Pep
Mario Martinez W10 Rod Sequenan
Joe Ruelas KO2 Jesus Lozano
Al Martino W10 Jose Gonzales
Jeff Silva KO1 Stanley Podgorski
Bernard Gray W8 Reese Smith
Keith Stevenson KO6 Julio Gonzalez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Azumah Nelson KO5 Juvenal Ordenes (Retained WBC Title)
Monita Jimenez W12 Manuel Batista (Dominican Title)
Salvador Zamora W10 Pedro Montero
Javier Marquez W10 Ramon Rico
Wilmer Ruiz W10 Jesus Ochoa
Jimmy Navarro W8 Jorge Acosta

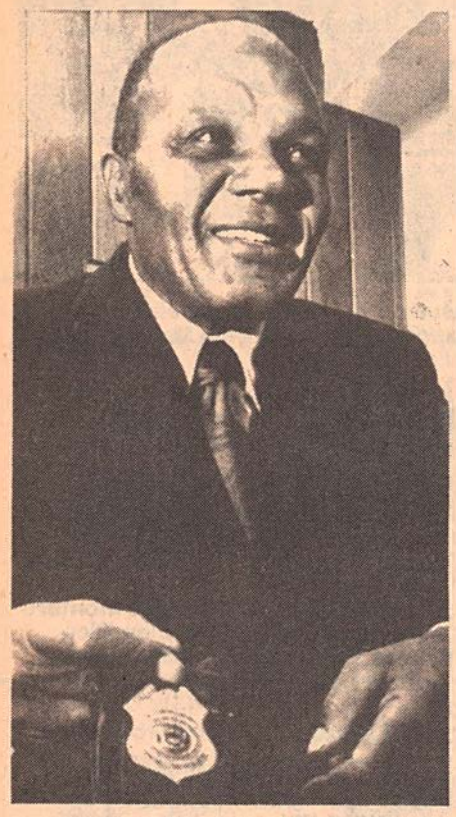
JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Lupe Pintor W12 Juan (Kid) Meza (Won WBC Title)
Harold Petty W12 Kelvin Seabrooks (Won Vacant Continental Americas Title)
Louie Espinoza KO4 Felipe Olivar

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Richard Sandoval W10 Jose Gallegos (non-title)
Elly Pical KO3 Wayne Mulholland (Retained IBF Junior Bantamweight Title)
Hurley Snead KO1 Ernesto (Che) Guevara
Troy Fletcher W10 Felix Marquez
Steve McCrory W6 Luigi Camputaro

FLYWEIGHTS
Richard Clarke KO11 Elpidio DePaula (Won Central American & Caribbean Title)
Jorge Cano W10 German Torres

VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

BY CHARLIE SPINA



Former heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott displays his sheriff's badge. When Walcott was elected sheriff of Camden, New Jersey in 1971, he became the first black man to hold the office in Camden.

FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Jersey Joe Walcott was feted at a dinner held at Caesars Hotel Casino in Atlantic City this past July. Jersey Joe is among the most popular and respected former champions and the honor was long overdue.

Walcott was born Arnold Cream in the town of Merchantville, New Jersey, January 31, 1914. His father and mother, Joseph and Edna Cream, had six children. Walcott was only 14 when his father died. This forced young Joe to grow up practically overnight, and become the main provider for his family. He always dreamed of becoming a prizefighter, and in 1930, Walcott had his first pro bout in Vineland, New Jersey, knocking out Cowboy Wallace in the opening round.

Things were so lean during the early days of Walcott's career he was often forced to take odd jobs to make ends meet. Although he turned pro under his given name, Joe started using his now-famous *nom de guerre* at the suggestion of an Atlantic City promoter. The original Joe Walcott was revered by all in the boxing world, and "Jersey Joe" more than lived up to his namesake.

During his 21 years in the ring he faced many outstanding battlers, including Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Ezzard Charles, Willie Reddish, Tiger Jack Fox, Elmer Ray, Curtis Sheppard, Joe Baski, Joey Maxim, Abe Simon, Harold Johnson, Rex Layne and Jimmy Bivins.

Following four unsuccessful tries at the heavyweight title (two against Louis and two against Charles), Joe finally struck paydirt, knocking out Charles in the seventh round to win the world heavyweight crown. Joe was 37 at the time, the oldest man ever to win the heavyweight title.

Walcott lost the belt in his second defense when Rocky Marciano came from behind to score a 13th round knockout. Following another kayo loss to Rocky in their 1953 rematch, Joe hung up his gloves. Since his retirement from the ring, Walcott has had a second career as a public servant. He was a juvenile court officer on the Camden, New Jersey police department and eventually became the elected Sheriff of Camden County, wearing that badge with dignity and distinction until 1974.

Walcott next took on the difficult job of New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner, a post he held until failing health forced him to give up the constant grind of overseeing countless cards throughout the state. It was during his tenure that New Jersey, thanks to the advent of casino gambling in Atlantic City, became one of the nation's leading fight centers.

The name Jersey Joe Walcott will always be remembered. Not just for his accomplishments in the ring, but also for his dedication to his community. He was elected to the boxing Hall of Fame in 1969.

BILLY GRAHAM, FORMER WELTERweight great of the 40s and 50s, was recently honored by the "Justice Department" of the Players Club. Jose Ferrer, noted thespian and president of the venerable Players Club, emceed an emotional tribute to Billy. A film of Billy's famous fight with Kid Gavilan was shown, with Ray Arcel and Gil Clancey providing the blow-by-blow.

A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS held for former featherweight champion Sandy Saddler by his friends at the National Maritime Hall in New York City. It was Sandy's 59th. He still weighs a trim 126.

STEPHANIE AND RAY ARCEL RECently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary by travelling abroad to London and Paris. Congratulations to both of them.

FROM BALTIMORE RING 101 COMES news that members Nick Bass, Johnny Borozzi, Tony Collins and Red Burman are all on the sick list. Here's wishing all five a speedy recovery.

THE LAST ROUND: FRANKIE WALLACE, 74, died April 23 at his home in Colinwood, Ohio, of an apparent heart attack. Frankie, a veteran of 131 bouts, was born Frankie Angelora in Compobasso, Italy on January 17, 1911 . . . Mario Spampino, former boxer, manager, trainer and cornerman, passed away recently in San Francisco. He was a member of the Northern California VBA . . . Phil Sommese, former New York light heavyweight amateur champion and pro heavyweight prospect of the late 1930s, passed away at his home in Westbury, Long Island, June 19, 1985, at the age of 71 . . . Emil D'Antonio, 69, of Union City, passed on recently. He was a member of Ring 25, Newark, New Jersey. Frankie, Mario, Phil, and Emil—Rest In Peace. □

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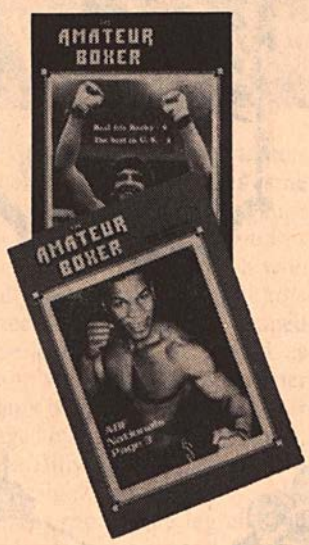

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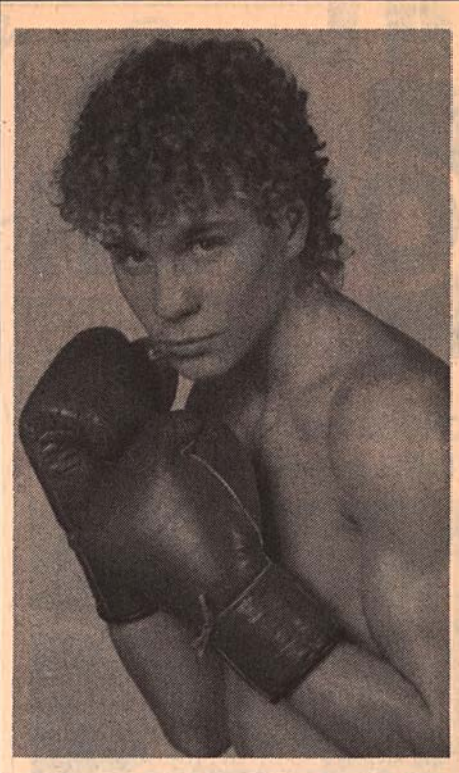
FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION

CHARLIE BOSTON RATES THE JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

UNDEFEATED JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT Charlie Boston is one of those fighters who seem to have most of their problems outside of the ring. In fact, things got so bad in 1984, that, for awhile, it looked like his promising career was just about over. A product of the mean streets of Trenton, New Jersey, the 23-year-old Boston has had more than his share of hassles with the police. But what almost ended Charlie's career was a bullet in the right leg that put him in the hospital for two months . . . "I had a dispute with a guy I grew up with," explained Boston. "I knew I couldn't use my fists on him because I might lose my boxing license. He pulled a gun and shot at my head. I ducked and ran. That's when he shot me in the leg." . . . Following his stay in the hospital and two additional months of physical therapy, Charlie began to pick up the pieces of his career. He has already scored two comeback victories this year, bringing his overall record to 10-0 with five knockouts . . . "I'm about 90 percent back to where I was before the shooting. My leg used to hurt when it was going to rain, but I don't have much pain anymore." . . . Southpaw Boston turned pro in August of 1982 following a 35-2 amateur career that included winning the New Jersey Golden Gloves as a welterweight. His best win in the pro ranks came when he stepped in as a late sub against veteran Mark Frazie. Although Frazie was expected to clean up, it was Boston who won practically every round en route to a unanimous decision. Charlie also gained valuable experience when he served as Roberto Duran's main sparring partner prior to Duran's bout with Marvin Hagler . . . Encouraged by manager Ken Bogner, Sr., and trainer Billy Robb, Boston is now treading the straight and narrow . . . "I thank God I was shot in the leg and not the head. God gave me a second chance, and I intend to take advantage of it."

1. Thomas Hearns
2. John Mugabi
3. Mike McCallum
4. Davey Moore
5. Carlos Santos
6. Mark Medal
7. Julian Jackson
8. Buster Drayton
9. Earl Hargrove
10. Darnell Knox



ANTHONY BOYLE RATES THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

WITH HIS CURLY BLOND HAIR, BABY-blue eyes, and slender build, the last thing Anthony Boyle looks like is a prize fighter. But make no mistake about it, the 19-year-old, undefeated Philadelphia featherweight is an outstanding prospect . . . "When I first tell someone I'm a fighter, they always look shocked," says Boyle with a chuckle. "But I'm glad. When I start to look like a fighter, then it will be time for me to get out." . . . So far, that time is nowhere in sight. Following a 136-7 amateur career highlighted by Pennsylvania Golden Gloves championships at 112, 119, and 125 pounds, Anthony turned pro with a four-round kayo over James Irby in January of '85. He has since rolled to six straight victories, all but one via the knockout route . . . A speedy, standup boxer, Boyle also likes to mix it up . . . "I don't like to get hit, but I do whatever it takes to win. When I was an amateur, everybody told me that my style was more suited to the pros. The only guy who went the distance with me in the pros did it by clinching and tying me up on the inside." . . . Whenever he fights in Philadelphia, Boyle is supported by a large and vocal following. It has proved to be somewhat of a mixed blessing . . . "It's nice to have all those people out there cheering for you, but it also puts me under a lot of pressure and makes me a little nervous from time to time." . . . Boyle, who is trained and managed by Jack Costello, had better get used to all the attention, because if his first year as a pro is any indication, he's going to be receiving a lot more of it in the future.

1. Barry McGuigan
2. Azumah Nelson
3. Eusebio Pedroza
4. Bernard Taylor
5. Jackie Beard
6. Johnny de la Rosa
7. Calvin Grove
8. Juan LaPorte
9. Marcos Villasana
10. Adrian Arreola

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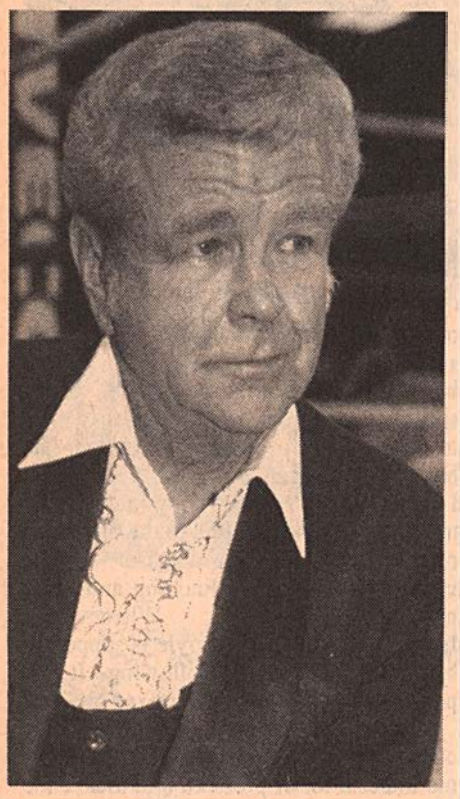
by Jack Welsh

CHUCK HULL (RING ANNOUNCER)



FOR THE FAR-FLUNG ADMIRERS OF Chuck Hull, ring announcer extra ordinaire, there can be only one appropriate theme song: "I've Grown Accustomed To Your Face." Considering the 61-year-old Las Vegan has spent half his life articulating with a microphone at center ring, such lyrics have no descriptive rival.

The box score on Hull's longevity is most impressive: nearly 1,000 boxing programs dating back to 1954 with at least 700 of world class calibre; upwards of 60 world championships, plus being the only American announcer to work Olympiad XXIII at Los Angeles in 1984.

Chuck, always a study in sartorial splendor enhanced by thick silver-grey hair, is indeed a worthy role model for young men aspiring to the avocation of pre-and-post fight introductions. The work is not a full-time occupation. Hull earns his basic income as a pit boss on the graveyard shift (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) at the posh MGM Grand hotel-casino.

"I've been there 12 years and the hours are perfect for me," Hull advised. "The management is nice about it if I ever need a little time off in Vegas, but the shift has kept me from many big matches out of town."

Hull was born in Jacksonville, Illinois March 1, 1924,—dabbling in prep basketball and baseball before the U.S. Navy claimed him for World War II. Chuck was assigned to the "blimp squadron," finishing up as an aviation metalsmith, first class. Wrapping up a six-year hitch, Hull enrolled in a radio broadcasting school in Hollywood, California, getting his first pro shot at a Del Rio, Texas station where he called quarter horse races and high school basketball.

After a stop in Ventura, California, Hull and his charming wife, Mary, came to Las Vegas in 1952 where he became sports director for KLAS Radio. One year later Chuck had added duties when the station inaugurated television in Nevada.

"I started doing the Golden Gloves in 1954," Hull reflected. "And I guess my first big break came when I announced the USA-Russian international dual match at Caesars Palace. My first world title bout was on CBS, May 27, 1960 at the Convention Center where Don Jordan lost his welterweight crown to Benny Paret in 15 rounds."

Bar none, Hull is perhaps the most prepared man in the house when he steps into a ring.

"I have several requisites I imposed upon myself . . . preciseness, accuracy, correct pronunciation of names, brevity, and a touch of earthiness," the announcer explained. "The one thing I keep in mind is that the ring announcer is not the star. The boxers are the ones that should be in the spotlight."

Lauded internationally as an astute, smooth-as-silk announcer who rarely loses his cool, Hull has been part of a backdrop to boxing history. His most memorable moment came when Leon Spinks, with seven pro fights, upset Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas, February 15, 1978.

"After I announced the split decision, it dawned on me that this was the first time a heavyweight title had changed hands on a decision since June 13, 1935, when Jim Braddock surprised Max Baer," Hull recalled. "Even before the ballots were counted, Mel Greb (now Top Rank's Nevada matchmaker) said to me, 'we've got a new champion,' but it really wasn't that close to surprise me."

In retrospect, Hull looks back on highs and lows that have made "my endeavors all worthwhile."

Most exciting bout: "No question . . . Sugar Ray Leonard and Tommy Hearns at Caesars in 1981. I thought it was so even going into the 14th, but Leonard might have trailed a little. In that wild finish, my thought was the referee (Davey Pearl) might not stop it soon enough, and somebody might have been hurt."

Toughest job ever: "That was the national AAU championships at Caesars in the mid-70s. I was the only announcer and did 252 fights in five days."

Weirdest ending: "I guess the oddest thing I ever saw was at the Showboat in Vegas May, 1983 when the North American amateurs boxed Cuba. Willie De Wit and his heavyweight opponent kept knocking each other down. De Wit was rocking the Cuban on the ropes when Loren Stewart, a Toronto referee, stepped in to stop it. Instead, he caught a wild punch by the Cuban and got knocked out. A Cuban referee came on and he almost got hit too. De Wit finally got the division."

Greatest satisfaction: "It was the Olympics in L.A. My thought about the Olympics was that not too many people in the history of boxing can say they were the announcer at such a momentous event. Alternating shifts with announcers from France and Sweden, I did 24 bouts a day for about 11 days."

Greatest embarrassment: "That happened in May, 1982 at Caesars when Gerry Cooney boxed an exhibition on ABC before his fight with Larry Holmes. I introduced him as 'Gentleman Gerry Quarry.' Cooney never said a word about it."

Disagreements: "I don't think I'm hard to get along with, but sometimes I didn't see eye to eye with Don King, and he brought in Jimmy Lennon to do the Larry Holmes-Tim Witherspoon fight at the Dunes in 1983."

Severest critic: "It has to be my wife Mary. She loves boxing, but I won't let her come to the fights I work because she'd probably be bugging me about my appearance. She's absolutely against tuxedoed-announcers who wear frilly shirts. Mary says I rock back and forth, but the TV tapes have proven her wrong there. I have four granddaughters, and, thankfully, only one, Lisa, 18, likes boxing and she keeps her mouth shut." □

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